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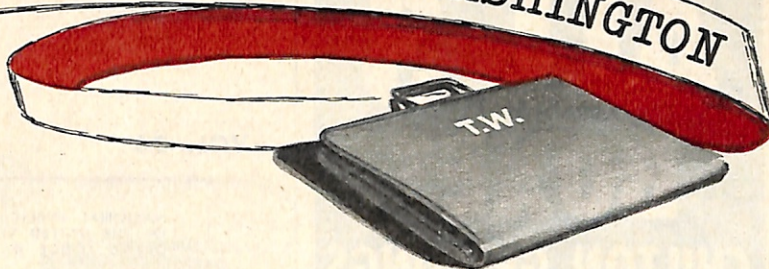
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## TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



**C**ONGRESS is boiling at full steam toward adjournment and quite some members are a bit uneasy over reaction of voters in home bailiwicks when they return for the summer. An uncertain peace hangs over the Far East as reports of Communist land and air build-ups continue. The European situation has pressing problems despite treaties and pacts, and always will. Chief attention in many parts of the nation, however, is focused on serious domestic troubles. Unemployment is acute in spots. Large areas of the country are stricken by drought and dust storms. Farmers have divergent views on surplus crop supports and many face a discouraging year. Higher prices loom for city dwellers. Congressmen know the voter with a peeve is prone to blame everything on Washington. Moreover, political conventions for the 1956 presidential election are now only a year away. All of which spells no vacation for senators and representatives in the interim between sessions. There are fences to build. A lot of them will be split-rail affairs. Local conditions in many cases criss-cross national party policies. However, there never has been complete unity in either major party. The view from various windows is never the same. Could be this makes for a better democracy, a greater U.S.A.

### SURPLUS KEEPS GROWING

Taxpayers are now shelling out a million dollars a day for storing the government's surplus farm commodities. Uncle Sam holds four billion dollars' worth of surplus commodities and has loaned three billion more on farm products most of which will be taken over for non-payment.

### PHONE TAPPING SECRETS

For \$10 worth of equipment and the know-how, any radio, TV, tape recorder or phonograph can be made into a phone tapping machine. That's what the House Judiciary sub-committee learned in investigating wire-tapping. With a certain type of induction coil a wire doesn't even have to be connected to the tapped line.

### WHITE HOUSE VISITORS

It cost \$5,000,000 to rebuild the White House a few years ago but it won't be long before more repairs are needed. Tourists stream through the mansion five days a week at the rate of six or seven

thousand a day. Lines begin forming at the gate long before 10 a.m. when the doors are opened. White House police keep the crowds moving. Velvet ropes prevent visitors from wandering into rooms not open to the public. Years ago James Montgomery Flagg, noted artist, and always a funster, called on F.D.R. and was asked to wait in a room where a rope was fastened across the doorway. As crowds passed and peeked in, Flagg sat stiffly in a chair facing the fireplace for all the world like a wax figure. "What President does the dummy represent?" the visitors would ask, then Flagg would turn and wink an eye.

### THANK WASHINGTON WEATHER

As a hot weather note, air conditioning was invented in 1878 by Robert Portner who ran a brewery in Alexandria, Va. "Washington weather" was the reason why. Model of the first machine is in the Patent Office's Scientific Library. In that year 25 brewers came to Portner's to sit in his cool office and incidentally test the brew.

### DAVY SOME ORATOR

Davy Crockett fans will be happy to know their king of the wild frontier was a humdinger when in Congress. In one debate he shouted he had the roughest riding horse, the purtiest sister and the surest rifle in the District. And, added Davy, "my father can whip any man in Kentucky and I can lick my father."

### CLOCK IN MOURNING

Georgetown University has a 76-year-old clock in Healy Tower which doesn't seem to chime the quarter hours as it did when Brother Lawrence J. Hart, S. J. was custodian. He died May 9 while trying to fix it. Brother Lawrence, 70, loved the old clock and took any word said against it as a personal affront. For 27 years it worked fine under the loving care of the Jesuit. Now its chimes seem to have a hesitant note of sorrow. They say it's due to the motor, but maybe old clocks have hearts too.

### WATCH \$10 BILLS

When you get a \$10 bill turn it over. If it has \$1 on the reverse side you have a treasure. On April 27, Mrs. Hannah H. O'Connor of New York got one in her pay envelope printed that way. It is a 150-million-to-one freak. The U.S. Bureau

of Engraving and Printing said someone must have got the plates balled up. However, there are 18 bills printed on a sheet so there are 17 more of these "\$11 greenbacks" still floating around. What they will be worth nobody can say. There are only three other freak bills, two \$150 bills with \$100 on one side and \$50 on the other and a \$2 bill with \$1 on the reverse. They are in the money museum of the Bureau.

### A HAMBURGER'S LIFE

After much palaver about those canned hamburgers the Navy has in storage, Dr. Roger M. Mehurin, laboratory chief of Agriculture's meat inspection, says they could be eaten after two years in the can, but canned meats and poultry are good only 12 months if kept in temperatures which may rise above 70 degrees.

### EMERGENCY TV

In case of any great emergency President Eisenhower can address the nation over TV through special equipment installed in the White House. He also can talk over closed TV circuits with key government officials.

### WASHINGTON WATER

National History Building of Smithsonian Institution has an exhibit showing three centuries of Jewish life . . . Never mind what Congress does, peanuts will not be cheaper . . . Way to tell President Ike's farm out of Gettysburg is by the RD mailbox, marked "route 2 Box 28" biggest on the route . . . Women now outnumber men in cities, 100 per 94.8 males . . . Patent Office is 200,000 applications behind . . . In March Americans bought over three billion dollars of goods on time payments, Federal Reserve says. Installment buying never had it so good . . . Due to a decline in patronage cafeterias in government buildings has dropped about 6 per cent and now shows very small profit . . . Smithsonian Institution gets 250,000 questions a year and tries to answer even the screwy ones . . . FBI now has over 60,000,000 non-criminal fingerprints in its files and 10,500,000 prints of law violators . . . Chemical warfare arsenals have poison gas so deadly a drop in the eye will kill . . . Excursion boats out of Washington cannot get a license to serve hard liquor, but you can get moonlight, beer and light wines—and pants have hip pockets.



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# Can We Compromise with

## **Can their assurance of a desire for peace and co-existence be accepted at face value?**

**T**HE Chinese Communist regime in Peiping, in cooperation with the masters of the Soviet Union in Moscow, is unshakably dedicated to the destruction of every non-Communist government on earth. This is not mere speculation about the nature of that regime. It is its declared goal, announced in clear and unmistakable language by that regime itself.

During the past few months the Communist world has engaged in a new

"peace offensive" directly aimed at isolating the United States from its friends and allies in Europe and Asia. This peace pipe is passed around with assurances from Moscow and Peiping that the stuff in the bowl is honest to goodness genuine top-grade leaf guaranteed not to cause cancer of the democratic processes.

All the Chinese Reds want in Asia, says their spokesman Chou En-lai, is the off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu, the Pescadores and Formosa, official recognition of their conquest of the mainland of China, and admission of their regime into the United Nations. What is left unsaid is the fact that accession to these demands would make a mockery of the war in Korea in which thousands of Americans laid down their lives; that the Republic of Korea south of the 38th parallel would be at the mercy of the enlarged Communist forces which have strengthened their positions enormously in violation of the terms of the United Nations armistice agreement; that several hundred thousand Chinese soldiers and civilians who fled to Formosa to escape Communization would be handed over to the Reds as so many human sacrifices; that the last hope of freedom on the Chinese mainland would be dead; and that the way would be wide open for internal Communist subversion and revolution, supported with finances, weapons and propaganda by Peiping and Moscow, in every country of Asia.

What do the Chinese and Russian Reds really want? Can their assurances of a desire for peace and neighborly co-existence be accepted at face value? Or are they the same old swindles that have been used by the Communists for years to lull their next door neighbors into a state of unwatchfulness and unpreparedness, making them easy prey to Communist aggression or subversion? Perhaps as good a way as any to determine what lies behind Red Chinese and Soviet "peace offensives" is to go right to the horses' mouths—the horses in this case being the leading Communist spokesmen themselves.

All brands of totalitarian dictatorships have one thing in common—one man lays down the basic policy. No group of men,

no matter how small, can function at the summit of the Communist political pyramid. Out of any such group there must emerge one strong man whose utterances and commands are absolute, infallible. In Red China that man is Mao Tse-tung. There are spokesmen, of course. Shrewd, clever, brilliant, adaptable, ruthless counterparts of the Russian Vishinskys and Molotovs, as for example, Chou En-lai in foreign affairs, and Liu Shao-chi on the home front. But they are tacticians, not strategists. The supreme strategist, the top mogul, the man who—is Mao Tse-tung.

**T**HE strategic line laid down by this top chieftain of the Chinese Communist movement was set out by him in two clear and unequivocal statements in the closing days of World War II. One, "China's New Democracy," is imprinted with an introduction by Earl Browder, former head of the American Communist party. The other, "The Fight For a New China," is introduced in its English translation by Browder's successor, William Z. Foster. In them Mao Tse-tung unfolds his plans for the future. And we are able to see for ourselves what chance there was for a peaceful coalition government ever to have been established in China, and what we may expect from the Communists, Chinese and Soviet, in the way of peace and co-existence.

"China's revolution," says Mao Tse-tung, "is part of the world revolution. The world revolution is not the old world revolution of the bourgeoisie which has long become a matter of the past, but is the new world revolution, the socialist revolution. This is an exceedingly great change, a change unprecedented in the world history and the history of China.

"It is basing themselves on the correct theory of Stalin that the Chinese Communists advanced this correct thesis. As Stalin said: it establishes a new anti-imperialist and revolutionary front connecting the Western proletariat and the Eastern oppressed peoples through the Russian revolution.

"It is only the Communist ideology and social system that grow and spread in the world, with a mighty thundering force that can level mountains and overturn seas. The world depends on Communism for its salvation, and so does China. We must now expand the propaganda of Communist thought and intensify the

### **BY BRUNO SHAW**



As this issue reaches our readers, Bruno Shaw will have returned from a trip to the Orient as press representative of The Elks Magazine. Mr. Shaw was in Tokyo and Hong Kong, but spent the greater part of his time in Formosa studying conditions and attitudes of the people involved in that critical area. From his observations, Mr. Shaw will contribute an article to our August issue, and this will be followed by at least one other article. For several years Mr. Shaw published a newspaper in Hankow and his present trip will serve to refresh his intimate knowledge of the Chinese people. A well-known foreign correspondent and news commentator, Mr. Shaw has contributed to this publication for the past six years and our readers, most of whom already are familiar with his dynamic anti-Communist articles, can look forward to his sound, enlightening and truthful observations on the Formosa situation as it stands at present.



# Red China?

ILLUSTRATED BY JOHN McDERMOTT

The supreme strategist,  
the top mogul—  
is Mao Tse-tung.

study of Marx-Leninism, without which we will not only be unable to lead China's revolution to the higher step of socialism, but also be incapable of directing and winning the victory of the present democratic revolution."

In building up the new Communist world, will all be sweetness and light and goodwill toward men? Will there be no interference in the internal affairs of other nations? Hardly. Here is how Mao Tse-tung sees co-existence among Communist and non-Communist nations.

"The contest between the socialist Soviet Union and imperialist England and America is being sharpened step by step," says Mao. "If China does not stand on one side, she will have to stand on the other. Does anyone think of remaining neutral? That will be sheer fantasy. The whole world is going to be embroiled in the war of the two camps. And whoever prepares to oppose the Communists has to prepare to be crushed."

The Chinese Communist conviction that the world is going to be "embroiled in a war of the two camps" is not something that Mao Tse-tung has dreamed up merely for propaganda purposes. It stems, as we shall see, from close consultation and collaboration with the Soviet Union in the Communist program for destruction not only of anti-Communists, but of non-Communist governments as well, everywhere.

In order to gain the support of the common people of China for this vast project, brainwashing and thought control will be imposed on a nation-wide scale. "From the very beginning," says Mao Tse-tung, "the Chinese Communist Party has based itself on the theories of Marxism, because Marxism is the crystallization of the world proletariat's most impeccable revolutionary scientific thought. Therefore," he says, "*the mastery of thought-education is the key to consolidating the Party for its great political struggle.* Without this mastery, the Party's political tasks will not be accomplished."

If Mao Tse-tung were to die tomorrow, it would make no difference whatever in the long-range plans of Chinese Communist cooperation with the Soviet Union. There was not the slightest wavering of that loyalty when Stalin died two years ago. There was none during the Kremlin boat-rocking when the Soviet's MVD chief Beria was executed and then "tried" for

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# THE GRAND EXALTED RULER'S

# Visits



At luncheon when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Bloomington, Ind., lodge, were, left to right: Exalted Ruler James C. Clendening, Mr. Jernick and Mayor Emmett Kelly.



Cecil M. Rappe, President of Indiana Elks, left, accepts a check for \$739 from Exalted Ruler Robert M. Weddle, of Columbus, Ind., lodge. Check was for Indiana Elks cancer fund. Mr. Jernick at same time accepts a gift from Columbus lodge.



Past Exalted Rulers of Bayonne, N.J., lodge were among those welcoming the Grand Exalted Ruler last January. Seated left to right: P.E.R. Jules Menell, P.D.D. Bart R. Boyle, E.R. Matthew T. Donovan, Mr. Jernick, P.E.R. Jack Feinberg, Harry Cohen and Jack Fitzhenry. Standing: P.E.R. Stanley Bielenda and William Migliaccio, Tiler George Hendickson, P.E.R. Joseph T. McCormack, John J. Devlin and Edward A. Tischler, D.D. Dr. Leo Bicher, P.E.R. Richard Galvin, Timothy Quill, Hugh Cohen and Morris Rosenblum.



At the speaker's table during the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Biloxi, Miss., were, left to right: A. C. Moss, Vice President So. Miss. State Assn.; D.D. Thomas J. Dawson; Merle Palmer; E.R. of Pascagoula lodge; P.E.R. Ernest Desporte; Mr. Jernick; E.R. Eugene A. Brison; Laz Quave, Mayor of Biloxi; W. Meadows, Mayor of Gulfport, and Rev. E. A. DeMiller.



At the banquet Circleville, Ohio, lodge held in Mr. Jernick's honor: Seated at the small table—Trustee Wallace Crist, D.D. James Plummer and Dr. Davis S. Goldschmidt, Vice-President Ohio State Elks Assn. At speaker's table, left to right: D.D. Paul Betz, Grand Lodge Trustee Fred L. Bohn, Mr. Jernick, Grand Chaplain Rev. Father Richard Connelly.

**B**ECAUSE OF TIME OF ARRIVAL of material we have not previously reported Grand Exalted William J. Jernick's visit to **PORTLAND, ORE., LODGE** on January 28. He was met at the airport by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, Brother Fred L. Peterson, Mayor of Portland, Exalted Ruler Edward J. Nelson and Joseph Delcour, General Chairman of the Committee directing the visit. That evening Mr. Jernick was greeted several blocks from the lodge by the 55-piece band of No. 142 as well as the drill team and then was escorted to the meeting. A total of 250 members, including all Past Exalted Rulers and many visiting dignitaries, enjoyed a banquet in Mr. Jernick's honor. After the banquet the lodge hall was filled to capacity for the meeting. During his visit the Grand Exalted Ruler was interviewed by Brother John Carpenter, news commentator for radio station KOIN. The interview was broadcast.

On March 27, the Grand Exalted Ruler began an extensive tour of Indiana lodges with a visit to **HUNTINGTON LODGE** for the second-day meeting of the North Central District's annual spring convention. At a banquet that evening, Mr. Jernick was introduced by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle. Donald Reed, Past Exalted Ruler of Bluffton lodge, was toastmaster and Exalted Ruler Marvin Rich was host for the occasion.

The following day Mr. Jernick visited **WARSAW LODGE** for a luncheon in company with Cecil M. Rappe, President of the Indiana State Elks Assn., Robert L. DeHority, member Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, and Past District Deputy Earl Aders. Exalted Ruler Arthur DeWispelaere extended the wel-





At the special Youth Activities program held at Newton, N.J., High School were, left to right: Governor Robert B. Meyner, Committee Chairman Leon McKeon, Mr. Jernick and Exalted Ruler Spencer R. Hawthorne.



During the 35th Annual Elks National Bowling Tournament held in Detroit late in March there was presented a check for \$1,000 for the Elks National Foundation—the third presented by the Bowling Assn. Left to right: Joseph F. Krizek, E. N. Quinn, I. C. Beehr, Treas., Sec., and Pres., respectively, of the Bowling Assn., Irvine J. Unger, Chairman of Tournament Committee, and Mr. Jernick.



Exalted Ruler Joseph Rowe, Elkhart, Ind., lodge, presents Cecil Rappe, Pres. Indiana Elks, a \$1,000 check for the Assn.'s cancer fund. Looking on, left to right: D.D. Frank B. Fabing, Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick, P.D.D. Earl Aders and E.R. elect Richard B. Stamp.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner welcomes the Grand Exalted Ruler to Dixon, Ill., lodge. At Mr. Warner's right is Edwin L. Glessner, member Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, and at Mr. Jernick's left is Exalted Ruler Howard F. Lieber.



Present when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Warsaw, Ind., lodge were, left to right: State Pres. Cecil M. Rappe, Robert L. DeHority, Chairman Grand Lodge State Assn. Committee, Mr. Jernick, P.D.D. Earl Aders and E.R. Arthur DeWispelaere.



On hand when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Plymouth, Mich., lodge were, left to right: Exalted Ruler elect Harvey C. Shaw; Lewis A. Koepfgen, Vice-President Mich. State Elks Assn.; S. Glen Converse, President; Mr. Jernick; Exalted Ruler Ray Creith; Jay H. Payne, member Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, and Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Benjamin F. Watson.



Greeting the Grand Exalted Ruler at the airport when he visited Portland, Ore., were, left to right: Ed Neubert, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan, Exalted Ruler Ed Nelson, Mr. Jernick, Mayor Fred L. Peterson, T. J. Baker and Past Exalted Ruler Claude M. Snow.



Pictured left to right when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Kokomo, Ind., lodge: E.R. George B. Summers, Mr. Jernick, Cecil M. Rappe and Herbert Beitz, President and 1st Vice-President, respectively, of the Indiana Elks.

come on behalf of his lodge. After the luncheon, the Grand Exalted Ruler left for **GOSHEN LODGE**, where he was greeted by Exalted Ruler John Bemenderfer and Mayor Rollin R. Roth. He then continued to **ELKHART LODGE** for a presentation of a check in the amount of \$1,000 by Exalted Ruler Joseph Rowe to Mr. Rappe. The donation was to the Indiana Elks Cancer fund. While at Elkhart, the Grand Exalted Ruler approved plans for the proposed new Elks home. Later that day,

the Grand Exalted Ruler visited **SOUTH BEND LODGE** for a banquet at which he spoke to more than 250 members. He was welcomed to South Bend by Fire Chief Richard J. Duck on behalf of Mayor John A. Scott, who was unable to attend the dinner because of illness. The Grand Exalted Ruler attended a dinner meeting at which Exalted Ruler Ronald D. Flack presided.

On March 29th, **MUNCIE LODGE** held a luncheon meeting at which the Grand

Exalted Ruler was present. Also at the luncheon were Mayor Joseph R. Barclay, Cecil M. Rappe, Robert L. DeHority and Exalted Ruler John E. Graham. That same day Mr. Jernick was welcomed to **ELWOOD, IND., LODGE** and received a key to the city from Mayor Elmo Gustin. While at Elwood in company with Robert L. DeHority, the Grand Exalted Ruler participated in the official presentation of a totem pole, which has been erected  
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Photograph taken when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, to the cancer fund of which the Indiana Elks are an important contributor. Seated left to right: Dr. John Van Nuys, Dean of the University, Mr. Jernick, and Cecil M. Rappe, President of Indiana Elks. Standing: Thomas E. Burke, Chairman of Permanent Activities Committee of Indiana Elks, District Deputy Theodore Snyder, Robert L. DeHority, and Past District Deputy Earl Aders.



At the banquet table, left to right, when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Terre Haute, Ind., lodge: D.D. Charles P. Lanzone, Mr. Jernick, E.R. Floyd W. Bombard, C. L. Shideler, Sec. Indiana Elks, L. A. Krebs, Past Pres. Indiana Elks, Robert L. DeHority, Chairman Grand Lodge State Assn. Committee. Standing: Very Rev. Father Winterhalter, Cecil M. Rappe and John Weaver, President and Trustee, respectively, of Indiana Elks, and P.D.D. Earl Aders.



On the steps welcoming the Grand Exalted Ruler to Alexandria, Ind., lodge, left to right: Cecil M. Rappe, Pres. Ind. Elks Assn., Robert L. DeHority, Chairman Grand Lodge State Assn. Committee, Al Binder, Mr. Jernick, Trustee K. Brimson, P.D.D. Earl Aders, E.R. Eugene Fulk, Sec. C. R. McMahan, and P.E.R. Will F. Smith.



Seen during the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Goshen, Ind., Lodge were, seated left to right: P.E.R. Robert B. Hartzog, Mayor Rollin R. Roth, Mr. Jernick, and E.R. John K. Bemenderfer. Standing: Roy Ligonier, Robert L. DeHority, Chairman Grand Lodge State Assn. Committee, Police Chief Edgar J. Smith, P.D.D. Earl Aders and Cecil M. Rappe, Pres. Indiana Elks.



Photographed when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Columbia City, Ind., lodge. Seated: Mr. Jernick, E.R. Vernon E. Trier and D.D. Ted Snyder. Standing: Robert L. DeHority, Chairman Grand Lodge State Assn. Committee, and Cecil M. Rappe, President of Indiana State Elks Assn.

on the grounds of the lodge and was presented by Grover Hutcherson.

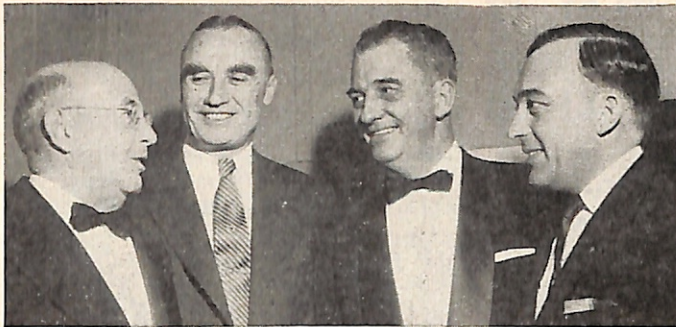
The evening of March 29th, Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick visited **BRAZIL LODGE** with District Deputy Charles P. Lanzone, State President Cecil Rappe and Robert L. DeHority, where he was welcomed by Exalted Ruler Max Lorenze. The Grand Exalted Ruler went on to **TERRE HAUTE LODGE** for a banquet that evening with 125 in attendance. Exalted Ruler Floyd Bombard extended a welcome, as did Mayor Ralph Tucker. Present at the banquet were Cecil Rappe, Robert L. DeHority, Past District Deputy Earl Aders, L. A. Krebs, member of the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee, and District Deputy Charles Lanzone.

The following day, Mr. Jernick attended a luncheon at **BLOOMINGTON LODGE**. At the Bloomington luncheon, Mayor Emmett Kelly and Exalted Ruler James C. Clendening extended welcome on behalf of the city and the lodge. While in Bloomington, the Grand Exalted Ruler toured the New Cancer Research Wing at the Indiana University Medical Center with Dean John D. Van Nuys. Elk lodges in Indiana are contributing \$50,000 annually to fight cancer and, on behalf of President Herman B. Wells of the University, Mr. Fendwick Reed was present at the luncheon to express appreciation of what Indiana Elks are doing to aid in



When the Grand Exalted Ruler visited West Palm Beach, Fla., lodge were, front row left to right: Boy Scouts Erwin Clemens, Richard Nash, Horace Fleming, Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight W. A. Wall and Scout Master Hugh Huntoon. Rear row: Scout Executive Charles DeVain, Scout Master John Champlin, State President J. Alex Arnette, Past Commander American Legion Art Connell, Mr. Jernick, Exalted Ruler Almer I. Tedder and Scout Master T. T. Rease.





At the Washington, D.C. visit, present left to right were: Charles L. Mobley, President, Md., Del. and D.C. Elks Assn.; Mr. Jernick; D.D. Rosell T. Pickrel and E.R. Charles E. Orrison.

Greeting the Grand Exalted Ruler at the airport when he visited Jackson, Miss., lodge, were left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Raye Megehee, Mgr., Allied Van Lines for Miss.; Mr. D. D. Culley, Pres. United Cerebral Palsy of Miss.; Mr. Jernick; D.D. Thomas J. Dawson, and Dr. Chase Atwood, United Cerebral Palsy, New York City.



At banquet given by Rhode Island Elks in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler, seated from left to right: P.D.D. John E. Mullen, P.G.E.R. John F. Malley, Mr. Jernick and P.E.R. John Moakler. Standing left to right: Frank Fagan of South Kingstown lodge, E.R. Leo Patrick McGowan of Bristol County lodge, E.R. Ralph P. Cinquegrana of West Warwick lodge, E. R. Pierce J. Keane of Pawtucket lodge, E.R. Edouard N. Decelles of Woonsocket lodge, E.R. William H. Rodgers of Province lodge, E.R. Vincent J. Toscano of Westerly lodge and E.R. Roger L. Fontaine of Newport lodge.



Together with Ferndale, Mich., lodge, E.R. William H. Thomas and E.R. Elect Frank J. Clancy, Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick posed for this picture with various Mich. Elks dignitaries and several Past Exalted Rulers, officers and members of Ferndale lodge during his Michigan tour.

the war on cancer. Following the visit, President Wells, who was unable to attend the luncheon because of an out-of-town engagement, wrote most cordially to Mr. Jernick, saying, "I am glad that Mr. Reed could express to you, and through you to the Elks, our appreciation for the generous financial assistance which you have rendered in the past to our cancer research program. The support is warmly welcomed and gratefully appreciated by the University."

That evening **MADISON LODGE** was host to the Grand Exalted Ruler. Mayor Charles H. Vaughn presented the key to the city at a ceremony attended by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, Exalted Ruler Richard T. Heck,

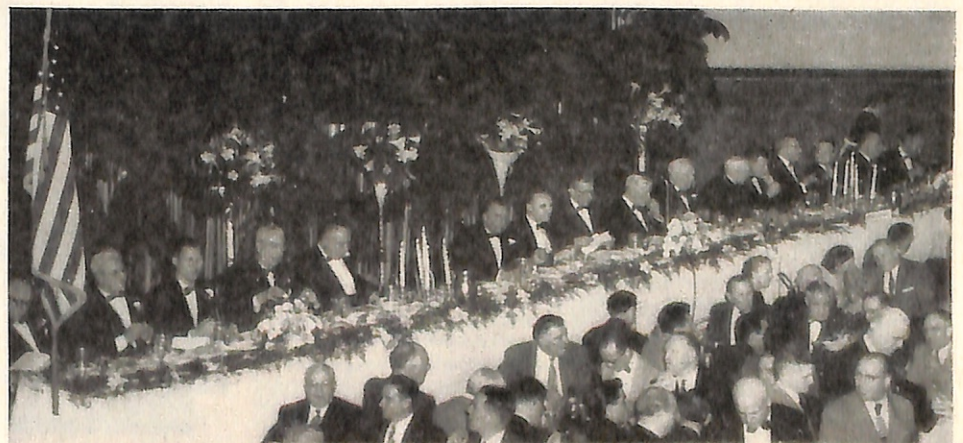
Banquet table at Newark, N. J., during testimonial dinner given in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor by all the lodges in his home state of New Jersey. In center group are Governor Robert B. Meyner at Mr. Jernick's right; and left, Matt J. Coyle, Sec. to the Grand Exalted Ruler and toastmaster for the occasion. At Mr. Coyle's left is Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan.

District Deputy Claude K. Stephanson and Cecil Rappe. At the banquet, Mr. Jernick awarded 50-year membership pins to Frank Pritchard and Herman Potter.

The final day of the month was spent by the Grand Exalted Ruler at **MT. VER-**

**NON, ILL., LODGE**, where he dedicated the lodge's new \$250,000 home. On the platform as Mr. Jernick spoke was Mrs. Louis L. Emmerson, widow of the former Governor who was the first Exalted Ruler of the Mt. Vernon lodge. Another platform speaker was Charles Stumpp, sole survivor of the Charter members initiated in 1903. Exalted Ruler Gilbert N. Wood and Ray Tibbs presided during the dedication, held on the second floor of the new building—filled to capacity. Exalted Ruler Wood pointed out how typical Mt. Vernon membership was of the Order of Elks as a whole. The 671 members, he said, can be classified in 13 occupational groups. The largest group is self-employed, numbering 177; the second largest is 140 in oil production. Others are: 84 salesmen, 83 executives and managers, 38 in real estate and insurance, 29 in Federal, State and City government, 24 retired, 24 industrial, 19 attorneys, 17 doctors, 16 dentists and optometrists, 14 in the armed services and 6 teachers. The entire three-day dedication program brought more than 2,000 visitors to Mt. Vernon. H. R. Cawood was chairman of the Building Committee and Exalted Rulers Ray Tibbs and Gilbert N. Wood were in charge of the lodge's affairs during the planning and construction program.

On April 3 the Grand Exalted Ruler visited **NEWTON, N.J., LODGE**. Activities of the day began with an afternoon meeting at Newton High School. Since Mr. Jernick had expressed his desire  
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# ROD & GUN

BY DAN HOLLAND

**No one can ask for more than a Pacific salmon.**



THERE are odd methods of catching Pacific salmon, such as twisting their tails, and there are some equally strange places, such as in the meandering streams of the arctic tundra

where the midnight sun will permit a man to fish the night through if he wishes; however, there is none stranger than fishing in the river that flows backward.

This is a trout river for the most part, typically boulder-strewn and spruce bordered. It is a short river, but the variety of the water, the runs, pools, eddies and backwaters, would please any fisherman; and the trout, silvery Dolly Vardens and flashy cutthroats, would please him even more. And at the right season there are salmon in the river: high-jumping, fast-running silver salmon up to twenty pounds or better. No one could ask for much more, but a fisherman who didn't know the river's secret would be in for some surprises. Of course, an Alaskan brown bear weighing a thousand pounds or more might come ambling down the shore, but that would be nothing.

For one thing, if he allowed his lure to sink too deep, he might hook a codfish or a halibut; and if a Dungeness crab should stalk over the toe of his boot, he shouldn't let it startle him. Neither should he become too alarmed when the river slows down, stops running, then turns around and commences flowing backward. The trout won't mind. They will just swap ends, or move from one side of a protective rock to the opposite, and go on feeding.

The answer to this riddle is that this is a salt-water river, as salty as the sea itself, for it is the sea. It is a unique tidal current, or salt chuck, at Mitchell Bay in Southeastern Alaska. The tides are very high in this section of Alaska and some of the passages among the islands are narrow. The change of the huge volume of water with each tide builds up powerful currents in such places, one I know of in the regular shipping lanes of the inside passage reaching a speed of nine knots, or approximately ten miles per hour. On a small scale and as a result of a very unusual lay of land, such a tidal current forms the Mitchell Bay salt-water trout river.

The last time I fished Mitchell Bay, the salmon were in. We had gone after trout, and they are exciting enough, but

a salmon is just a little more so. He's virtually a trout as far as fishing goes, but he's bigger, stronger, faster and showier. There were two varieties of salmon in the river that evening: the silver salmon, sometimes called coho, which is the next to the largest of the five species of Alaskan salmon, and the little hump-back salmon, which is the smallest of all the salmon. The humpback gets his name from the grotesque manner in which his body becomes deformed when he is on the spawning beds, but before this transformation takes place he is a trim, bullet-shaped little fellow full of fire and zip.

One of the fellows soon hooked a silver salmon which looked to weigh about fifteen pounds when it jumped, but it tore off the hook on the first mad dash down the river. We had better luck with the humpies, however. They weigh from about three to five pounds and are ideal for trout fly tackle—just a little too tough on the average. That evening before the river started backward I hooked sixteen on a fly, and landed less than half.

There is a stubborn belief which has persisted for years in Alaska to the effect that Pacific salmon are not fly fish. Long ago a visiting Atlantic salmon fisherman, who was either prejudiced or a poor fisherman, wrote that Pacific salmon would not take a fly, and there the matter rested. When I first went to Alaska I was a young and ignorant trout fly fisherman who didn't know any better, so I had a wonderful time salmon fishing. More than fifteen years ago I had succeeded in taking all five species of salmon in Alaska on an artificial fly.

It is generally conceded now that the silver, or coho, is a fly fish, but even today that's about all anyone will admit.

Our last trip to Mitchell Bay is an example. One of our party is perhaps the foremost authority on salmon and the salmon industry in the entire territory. When I landed the first salmon that evening I turned to him and remarked what a pretty fish the humpback was before the spawning deformation took place.

"That's not a hump-back salmon," he said.

I looked at it again carefully. "It's the right size," I remarked.

"Yes," he admitted.

"And it's the shape of a humpy," I added, "and these little spots are arranged the same."

"I admit it looks like a humpy superficially," he agreed, "but it's not."

"No one knows salmon better than you do," I finally conceded. "Tell me, why isn't it a humpback?"

"It can't be," he answered in all seriousness. "A hump-back salmon won't take a fly."

Before the evening was over he had

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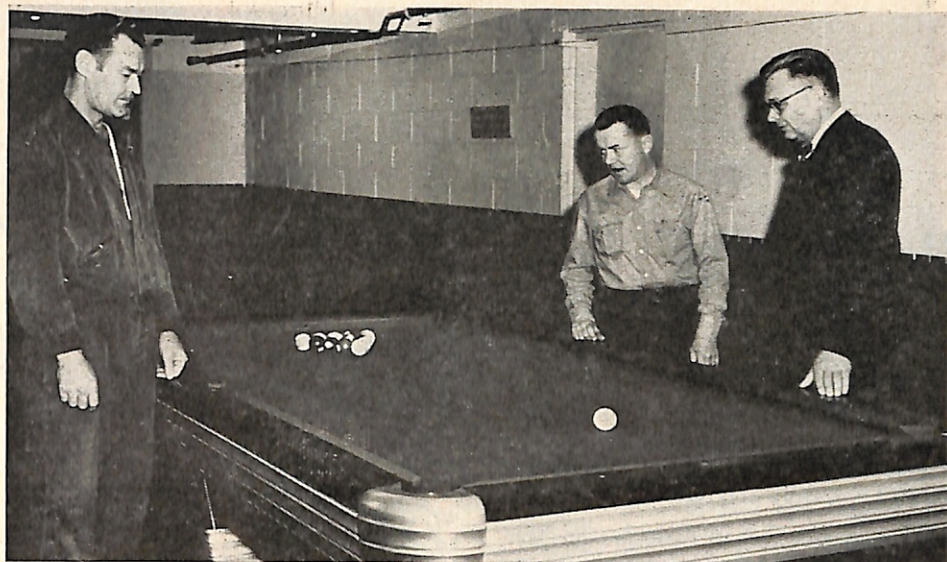
Dan Holland and his companion weigh their silver, or coho, salmon.



## INSIDE SHOTS ON SOME OF YOUR SERVICE WORK



Since the first days of the Korean conflict, Oceanside, Calif., Lodge collected pocket editions of interesting books and donated them to our Marines. As Chairman of the Committee in charge of the program, Gene Lindner, right, congratulated P.E.R. Ludie Britsch on his preparation of the 25,000th book some time ago; it went to Camp Pendleton, nearby Marine Corps Training Base, for shipment overseas.



Prescott, Ariz., Elksdom donated this pool table to the Veterans Administration Center at Whipple. However, it was delivered in sections, and hundreds of odd pieces had to be fitted, and the parts sanded and polished, before the table could be used. Although he'd had no experience in this type of work, Eddie Jessen, left, a recently discharged patient of the Center, offered his services. The splendid results of his efforts are inspected by Hospital Chairman for the Elks Veterans Service Committee, Dan F. Thompson, center, who is also Whipple's Recreational Director, and L. O. Janssen, right, the San Francisco Area Chief of Special Services, who was making one of his official visits to the Arizona Center when this photograph was taken.



Glen McFall, Chairman of Grand Junction, Colo., Lodge's Veterans Hospital Committee, center, presents a fishing basket to one of the winners at a Bingo Night Program conducted by the Elks. The Hospital grounds include a large, well-stocked lake, so the prize was a very appropriate one.

Below: The Elks of the Michigan Southeast District presented a most welcome television set to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. D.D. H. Philip Barney, center, made the presentation, with Veterans Entertainment Committeeman William Steeb, second from right, and Plymouth Lodge's E.R. Ray Creith, right. Asst. Director Willoughby of the Hospital, back to camera, accepted the gift. Looking on is VA patient Fairchild.



Above: When the Phoenix, Ariz., Veterans Hospital honored several volunteer workers and their organizations, members of Phoenix Lodge's Veterans Hospital Committee received Certificates of Appreciation. Left to right are Norval White who gave 300 hours of service; the Hospital's Chief of Special Services Ralph A. Johnson who made the presentations; William F. Harvey and Charles M. Wightman, VAVS Committee Treasurer, both of whom gave 300 hours of their time to this work, and Elk Secy. Leo C. Gavagan, who received a Certificate of Merit.



## News of the



### KANSAS ELKS ENJOY GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION

Wichita was host to 1,000 persons during the 50th Anniversary Convention of the Kansas Elks Assn. the last weekend in April. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, who arrived in town on the second of the four days devoted to this conclave, appeared on two television programs and addressed the delegates and their guests on three occasions.

In the company of Henry C. Warner, another former leader of the Order, our 1954-55 Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick was an active participant in the many events which marked the last two days of the meeting, making two TV appearances and delivering the principal address at the gala Jubilee Banquet. Mr. Warner addressed two sessions of the Convention and spoke movingly at the impressive Memorial Services.

During this meeting, Augusta's Team won the Ritualistic Contest over 13 other entries, six scholarships were awarded to high school seniors by the Assn., and a \$400 Elks National Foundation Scholarship was presented to the most worthy physically handicapped high school student. Special gifts made by the Kansas Elks included \$1,000 to the National Foundation, \$500 to the Institute of Logopedics and \$400 to the Kansas Children's Service League.

The organization's long-time Secy., Sid E. Patterson retired from office on this

occasion, with the delegates expressing their appreciation of his many years of untiring efforts in their behalf. His duties as State Secy. have been assumed by Fred H. Kelly of Salina.

Serving with Mr. Kelly for the coming year are F. T. Pucka, Lawrence, Pres.; Floyd W. Davis, Phillipsburg; Emmett Faulconer, Leavenworth; W. Carson Nunn, Winfield, and George Gould, Dodge City, Vice-Presidents; John T. Kirkwood, Galena, four-year Trustee and Clay Hedrick, Newton, Treas.

### JOHN L. WALKER ADDRESSES MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION

John L. Walker, candidate for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler and a prominent Virginia Elk, was guest of honor of 112 delegates to the May 13-14-15 Convention of the Mississippi Elks Assn. at Gulfport.

Another State event marking the 50th Anniversary of the host lodge, this meeting included a colorful and impressive parade as the opening affair.

Highlight of the many social activities on the program was a dinner-dance at which Mr. Walker was an informed speaker, following his introduction by State Vice-Pres. A. C. Moss. Other Elk luminaries in attendance included Special Deputy Floyd H. Brown of Oklahoma City, Okla., and P.D.D. Sidney Freudenstein of New Orleans, La., an Honorary Member of the Mississippi Elks Association, who represented Past

Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Rightor.

Elected to office at this conclave were: Pres., A. C. Moss, Pascagoula; Vice-Pres., So., James A. Biggs, Natchez; Vice-Pres., No., Griffin White, Canton; Secy., Vincent P. Ros, Pascagoula; Treas., C. A. Reedy, Hattiesburg.

### MANY DIGNITARIES AT NEW MEXICO CONVENTION

Led by Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, a host of Grand Lodge dignitaries joined 750 Elks and ladies at the 26th Annual Meeting of the New Mexico State Elks Assn., marking the Golden Jubilee of their hosts, the members of Roswell Lodge No. 969.

A most impressive Memorial Service, held in the tastefully decorated auditorium of the North Junior High School, paid fitting tribute to the Elks of New Mexico who had passed away during the year, with a special eulogy in memory of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen. Past State Pres. Ben Ginsberg was the principal speaker.

Mr. Jernick arrived in Roswell on the 12th accompanied by Pres. H. G. Downs of the Colo. Elks Assn., and D.D. C. F. Rice of Colo. Cent. They were welcomed by N. M. Assn. Pres. Robert J. Cunningham, Chairman Robert E. Boney of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee and the host lodge's sole surviving Charter Member, Harry Jaffa. Other dignitaries on hand included Dr. D. E. Biser, Pres. of the Texas Elks Assn., and M. E. H. Smith, a member of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee.

Mr. Jernick spoke before more than 600 Elks and their wives at the Annual Banquet, and presented National Foundation Awards to the State's top scholars.

During the conclave the delegates heard their Cerebral Palsy Project delineated by Ed L. Harbaugh who has been Chairman of the Committee handling this effort for the past three years.

All 16 lodges of the State participated in the Ritualistic Competition, which found Carlsbad's contingent in first place. Santa Fe will be host in 1956, and the following are the organization's new leaders: Pres., Dante Vaio, Albuquerque; Vice-Presidents: I. H. Danoff, Gallup; C. R. Turner, Hobbs; Treas., Armand Mandell, Clovis; Trustees: W. T. Haldeman,



Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick congratulates the new officers of the New Mexico Elks Assn. Left to right: Trustees James Thompson, and Richard Noble, Chaplain Julian Pierce, Trustees J. E. Box and Henry Balocca, Vice-Pres. I. H. Danoff, Mr. Jernick, Pres. Dante Vaio, Vice-Pres. Charles Turner, Treas. Armand Mandell, Trustee W. T. Haldeman and Secy. Richard T. Coleman.





During the State banquet, the Kansas Elks Association's Golden Jubilee Cake was served to all 50-year lodge representatives and half-century Elks by Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, pictured as he presented a slice to Exalted Ruler Glen M. Atkins of Wichita Lodge, a 50-year Kansas branch of Elksdom and the Convention's host. In the background is Arthur Wilson who was General Chairman for the Convention program.

Artesia; R. B. Noble, Farmington; J. E. Box, Hobbs; J. B. Thompson, Albuquerque; Henry Balocca, Gallup; Secy., R. T. Coleman, Albuquerque.

#### OHIO ELKS HOLD 57th ANNUAL CONCLAVE AT COLUMBUS

Approximately 800 members and guests converged on Columbus April 28th for the four-day Convention of the Ohio Elks Assn. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick was an impressive speaker at the banquet held on the evening of the 30th, when 300 persons were on hand, including Grand Chaplain Rev. Father Richard J. Connelly, Chairman Fred L. Bohn of the Board of Grand Trustees, John C. Cochrane of the Grand Forum, C. A. Kremser of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, 11 former State Assn. Presidents and five of Ohio's District Deputies.

The Ohio Elks Cerebral Palsy Program, described in these pages last month, is to be enlarged to make possible the admission of any afflicted child in the State to the Clinic the Elks sponsor at Ohio State University. The Veterans Hospital Program report revealed that six VA Hospitals receive monthly visits and entertainments, with about 1,500 individual gifts going to their patients.

Among the social activities was a P.E.R.'s Brunch, when the trophy emblematic of the State Ritualistic Title was presented to the Youngstown Team, and a cabaret dance during which the Elks Ladies of Lorain Lodge entertained. A popular sports event was the golf tournament in which nearly 100 Elk golfers participated.

The 58th Annual Convention will again take place at Columbus. Until that time, the following will handle the Association's affairs: Pres., L. A. Kuenzli, Upper Sandusky; 1st Vice Pres., Herschel J. Deal, Canton; 2nd Vice-Pres., A. C. Martin, Troy; 3rd Vice-Pres., Martin L. Feigert, Van Wert; Secy., L. E. Strong, Canton; Treas., C. W. Wallace, Columbus; Trustees: J. W. Plummer, Zanesville, Dr. D. S. Goldschmidt, Circleville,

and A. E. Socin, Bucyrus; Chaplain, Rev. Chas. Herring, Tiffin; Sgt.-at-Arms, W. R. Bowsher, Wapakoneta; Inner Guard, Lawrence Derry, Barnesville, and Tiler, Dwight Myers, Findlay.

#### NEVADA ELKS CONTINUE CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S AID

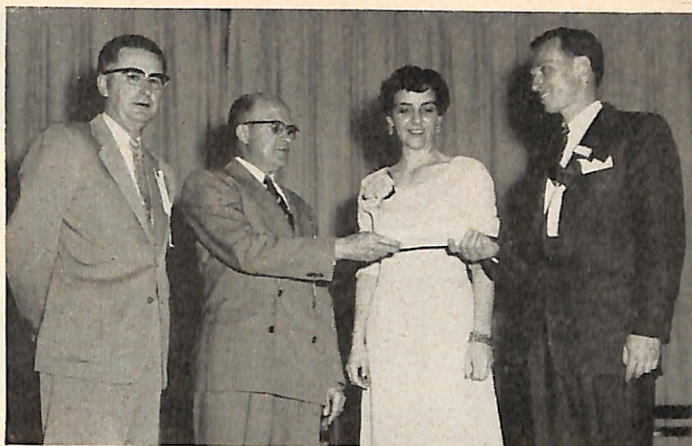
The State Crippled Children's Program, long the chief beneficiary of Nevada Elks Association's charity, received \$12,067.32 in Elk donations during the year, it was reported at the 31st annual meeting of the Association April 15-16-17. P.D.D. H. J. Gazin, who was appointed Chairman of the Committee handling this program, presented in detail the success of this important work, adopted as the Association's Major Project, and urged its extension.

Pres. E. J. Gilbreath presided at the meeting which took place in Las Vegas, with host E.R. George Maxwell and Mayor C. D. Baker extending their cordial welcome. Mr. Baker, a P.E.R. of Las Vegas Elksdom, and a former President of the State Association, has been a member of the Order for more than a quarter of a century.

The well-planned Convention found many distinguished California Elks in attendance, several of them included on the speaking program. They were Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Pres. Robert P. Mohrbacker and Vice-Pres. Bruce Marsh of the Calif. Elks Assn., Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit and R. Leonard Bush of the California Elks Major Project Committee, and P.D.D. John P. Martin, Jr. Grand Est. Loyal Knight Sidney W. Robinson, a prominent Reno Elk, and Nevada's D.D. Donald S. Shaver were also interesting speakers.

All but one of Nevada's ten lodges were represented, including its newest and very enterprising lodge, Henderson No. 1956. Seven teams participated in the Ritualistic Contest with Boulder City capturing the title.

Led by President Leonard P. Davis of Boulder City Lodge which will be host to the 1956 meeting, the new officials of



Papers covering the station wagon the Elks of Wyoming donated to the Wyoming Society for Crippled Children and Adults are presented by Committee Chairman G. K. Forster, second from left, to J. E. Parrish, Pres. of the Society, right, during the Wyoming State Assn. meeting at Greybull. Looking on is retiring State Assn. Pres. J. O. Spangler, left, and Miss Marge Hurst, the Executive Director of the Wyoming Society.

this organization are Vice-Presidents William H. MacDonald, Hawthorne, for the North and Carl C. Merrill, Boulder City, for the South; Secy.-Treas., Vern Hursh, Reno; Trustees, Antone Harrison, Ely; John Weber, Ely; Adolph Lipparelli, Elko, and Sgt.-at-Arms, L. W. Lapin, Boulder City.

#### CASPER CAPTURES RITUALISTIC TITLE AT WYOMING MEETING

The Ritualistic Contest held during the May 5th, 6th and 7th Convention of the Wyoming Elks Assn. at Greybull was the most enthusiastic in its history, with ten lodges competing and the top honors going to the Casper Team.

Pres. J. O. Spangler presided at the sessions, during which the Assn. donated a Chevrolet station wagon to the Wyo. Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., pledging its replacement with a new car every two years. Other pledges made by the delegates included a yearly gift of \$100 to St. Joseph's Orphanage, and the continuance of its scholarship awards to students excelling in Home Economics, Animal Husbandry and Future Farmers of America programs.

Among the distinguished Elks who joined the 500 persons at this conclave were Chairman Hollis B. Brewer of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials, Past Grand Est. Lect. Knight L. G. Mehse, Pres. H. G. Downs and Past Presidents C. F. Rice, D.D., and Byron Albert of the Colo. Elks Assn., Pres. Les Boodry of the Mont. Elks Assn., P.D.D. John Stavast of Colo. South, D.D. J. P. Steele of Wyo., South, and Mayor Oscar R. Shoemaker of Greybull.

The delegates, who decided to meet at Rawlins next year, elected the following: Pres., Paul McKelvey, Rawlins; 1st Vice-Pres., Geo. K. Forster, Casper; 2nd Vice-Pres., Rowland Jones, Thermopolis; Tiler, R. H. Fuller, Riverton; Chaplain, James Senstad, Worland; Sgt.-at-Arms, James T. Groves, Lusk; Trustees, J. O. Spangler, Greybull, and Harry H. Hecht, Cody. Secy.-Treas. L. G. Mehse, of Laramie, was again reelected.



# How Green Was



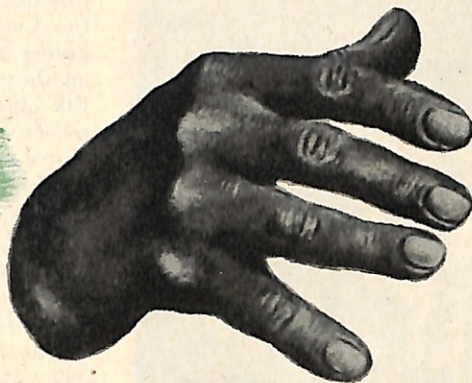
*James Lockhart*

ILLUSTRATED BY JAMES LOCKHART



# my Valet?

Novocaine lighted a huge cigar and dictated his terms.



*So, steeped in agony,  
Florian Slappey em-  
barked upon the most  
terrible ordeal of his career.*

**BY OCTAVUS ROY COHEN**

**F**LORIAN SLAPPEY had not intended to eavesdrop. But there they were, right in the next room, talking about money. And Florian was acutely interested in money. He was also curious.

His original intention had been to call informally upon Lawyer Evans Chew to discuss the ethics of one, Novocaine Williams, who had recently arrived in Birmingham, and promptly had proceeded to win money at poker with a degree of consistency bordering on the miraculous.

The day was a scorcher. Florian entered the elevator in the Penny Prudential Bank Building and was whisked up to the floor on which Lawyer Chew maintained his suite of offices.

The door between the hall and waiting room was open. Florian entered. Then he observed that the door leading to Lawyer Chew's private office was also open. There was a reason for that, of course: a small matter of cross ventilation. And just as Florian was about to announce his presence, he heard Lawyer Chew say, in a rather incredulous tone, "But Mis' Butts, this check is fo' mo' than one thousan' dollars."

"Tha's right, Lawyer Chew," answered the client in a low, gentle voice. "Most months it's a li'l mo' than that. I require somebody to handle it fo' me."

"You are a widow, aren't you?"

"Yassuh." A mournful note crept into the soft voice of the fabulous client. "My late husband has been entirely defunct fo' mo' than a year."

"An' befo' he died he brought in an oil well in Oklahoma?"

"Uh-huh. That's the one thing he didn't do nothin' else but. An' all that money comin' in ev'y month . . . it keeps me worried."

By this time, Mr Slappey was fascinated. He had come to visit Lawyer Chew for personal and gastronomic reasons. The former had to do with Mr Novocaine Williams, the latter with Mr Slappey's penchant for eating. Perhaps, he had figured, after discussing Mr Williams, he might succeed in touching the erudite counsellor for the price of a square meal. But now . . .

Florian didn't have to look beyond the door to establish the identity of Lawyer Chew's client. She was Mrs Lorena Butts. She had been born and raised in Birmingham as Lorena Watson, had married a man who had not been regarded as important, had disappeared, and now here she was in Birmingham confiding in her attorney that she was worried about having an income of slightly more than a thousand dollars a month.

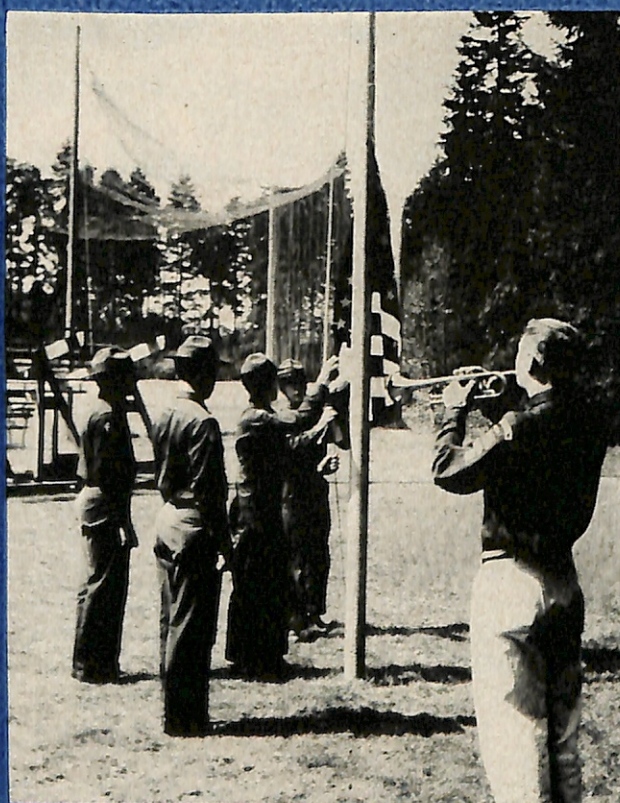
Florian vaguely remembered Lorena as a sweet, quiet little girl in grammar (*Continued on page 43*)





This photo shows the posters for the observance of May Day which will be held at Elks Park, 44th St. & Thomas Rd., at 2:30 P.M. Sunday, May 1st. The posters are being distributed to all lodges and are being displayed in public places. The posters are being distributed to all lodges and are being displayed in public places.

The many Scout Troops sponsored by Elks were prominent in Youth Day activities. Vancouver, Wash., Lodge's Explorer Post handled the flag-raising at its top observance for lodges of more than 1,000 Elks.



Below: San Mateo, Calif., Lodge's second-place event for Group I was highlighted by an Essay Contest on what the youth of America look forward to. Receiving their trophies and \$150 Savings Bonds are Contest winners Barbara Rhoades and Peter Lauritzen with District Deputy George Ireland, second from left, and B.A. Herman Hinrichs.



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OUR COUNTRY is the greatest on earth; our young people are the finest in the world—and the Elks proved both points, and their appreciation of them, with hundreds of spectacular National Youth Day celebrations.

Increasing interest in this observance prompted the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee to make this year's programs a matter for award. So, adding another leaf to the book of traditional Elk observances, and their treatment in recent years by the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, the Youth Committee invited the lodges to submit reports on their May Day activities, and selected from them the three most outstanding programs in each of three groups—I, lodges of 1,000 or more members; II, lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members, and III, lodges of less than 500 members.

## Patriotism Emphasized

Topping all other long-roster lodges, Vancouver, Wash., emphasized patriotism in its program, with hundreds of students participating. A special guest at the gigantic outdoor celebration, Chairman Edwin J. Alexander of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge was an enthused witness to the many contests conducted for the junior citizens, and the entertainment provided by acrobats and clowns. A highlight was the presentation of scholarship awards by P.E.R. W. W. Woodruff, with Barbara Bachman and Frank Gallas honored as Youth Leaders, and Mr. Gallas learning of his selection as the State's top youth.

No. 2 program in this category was the event staged by the San Mateo, Calif., Elks who conducted a county-wide essay contest. Open to students from 100 schools, the contest had "The Youth of America Look Forward" as its theme, with \$600 offered in prizes. Judging was left in the hands of a capable group headed by Dr. Elon Hildreth, Pres. of San Mateo College.

## No Negativism in Phoenix

Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge's Youth Committee really hit the jackpot this year; not only did its Youth Day program win third-place honors in that classification, but its Youth Leader, John (Mike) Armer, won the National Youth Leadership title and received his award from President Eisenhower. Mike shared his sponsor's speakers' platform with Scout



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Executive George Miller and Boys State Governor Bill Craig.

These Elks accentuated the positive side of patriotism in their program. Well publicized by the press, radio, television, poster displays and a giant billboard at the city's busiest intersection, this event attracted over 1,000 girls and boys to Elks Park, scene of the program which featured music by the North Phoenix High School Band, and thrilling trampoline exhibitions.

## Cavalcade Has 2,000 Scouts

Taking top honors for lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members, Biddeford-Saco, Maine, Elksdom stressed one of the Order's oldest youth interests—the Boy Scouts. Invited by Scout officials to accept sponsorship of the County "Cavalcade of Scouting", the Elks assumed this responsibility as part of their observance which included another worthwhile activity—a visit to all high schools of the area by lodge officials where they conducted special patriotic exercises.

Nearly 2,000 Scouts participated in the two-day Cavalcade, with booths assigned to 46 units which entertained thousands of visitors with their Scouting demonstrations.

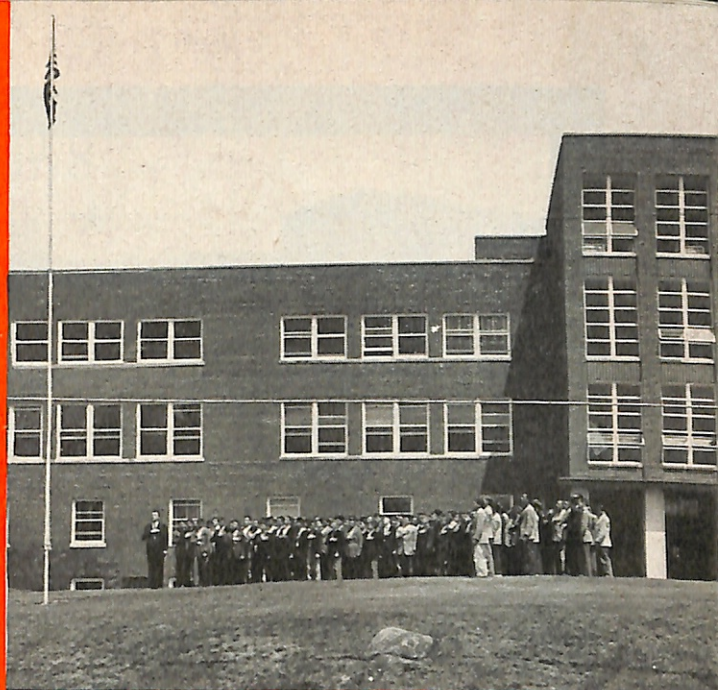
A truly outstanding Salute to Youth was Kenton, Ohio, Lodge's sponsorship of a multiple program handled by George Zoldak and his committee who were rewarded with second-place honors in this group.

Elected as Youth Week city officials, upstanding Kenton teen-agers were introduced at an outdoor mass meeting. This ceremony was followed by a parade to Robinson Field for an exciting track meet, when the handsome First Annual Elks Youth Day Trophy and other valuable awards were presented. That evening over 325 students were guests of the lodge at a dance. As if all this wasn't enough, the Kenton Elks offered another event in evidence of their appreciation of our youth and their achievements; during Youth Week they staged the first in a series of weekly athletic programs for all boys of the community who are receiving supervised instruction in boxing, basketball and calisthenics.

## Cowboys and Baseball

Approximately 500 youngsters took part in Washington, Mo., Lodge's third-prize observance for Group II. State Pres. Anthony J. Beckmann, E.R. B. R.

Fernand M. X. Cole, Esq. of Biddeford-Saco, Me., Lodge, leads the Pledge of Allegiance during its recitation by boys of St. Francis School, one of several visited by these Elks as part of their top program for lodges in Group II. The flag pole seen at left was donated by the Biddeford-Saco Elks three years ago.



Kenton, Ohio, Elksdom presented a diversified series of activities which took in all age groups, and all interests, of the area's young people. This shot proves that even the nursery-weight pugilists of Kenton were given a chance to show their muscles, under the watchful eyes of some of the Elks who sponsored this second-place event in Group II.



Parades marked most of our Youth Day celebrations and in Washington, Mo., the Elks know the glamor and appeal of a farthright, well-dressed cowboy, particularly when he's carrying our Flag. They took Group II's third prize this year.





Left: When it came to selecting the best program for lodges of less than 500 members, the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee found it easy to decide on the terrific Fulton, N. Y., Elk event. A soap-box derby was one of the main attractions and, quite obviously, it drew tremendous interest, not only on the part of the youngsters but those of voting age.

Below: The Bridgeton, N. J., 4th Annual "Blossom Mardi Gras" was a well-planned outdoor ceremony featuring the crowning of Irving Bradford and Miss Connie Sarantino as King and Queen of Youth Week. They appear with their court attendants and program speakers and, in the foreground, the other teen-agers who were elected to act as city officials during the celebration.



Left: Youth Day in Aurora, Colo., where the third prize for Group III will be displayed, not only entertained the young people but gave some of the teen-agers the opportunity to participate in the entertainment. Gene DiSalle and his talented Combo played for the dance which was the social highlight of the three-day program.

Barringhaus and Mayor-Pro Tem Omar Oberdieck led all of them in the parade which had cowboys, the Elks Band, color guards, Scouts and decorated bikes and cars, wound up at City Park for two exciting baseball games. Marybeth Hettenhaus rode off with the award for the best-decorated bike and 8th-grader Francis Wildt took the prize from 138 other youngsters who wrote on why they're glad they're Americans.

In making their selections for lodges of less than 500 members, the Committee chose Fulton, N. Y., Bridgeton, N. J., and Aurora, Colo., in that order.

#### Fulton Knows How

Obviously aware of just what it takes to make young America happy, the Fulton Elks put on a weekend festival that opened with a parade and a day-long program at Recreation Park on Saturday, and closed with an exciting soap-box derby won by 14-year-old David Sant. Hundreds of children from Fulton and five neighboring communities enjoyed the events, particularly the stirring parade which had ten bands, 20 floats and more marchers than could be

counted. The program at Recreation Park where Youth Leaders Gerald Guyer and Ann Monforte were honored, drew 3,000 spectators and participants for the various contests whose winners received handsome trophies.

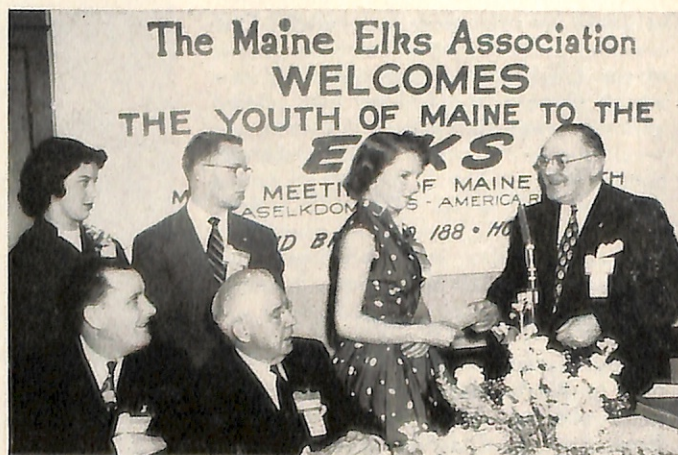
As General Chairman for this outstanding event, P.E.R. James B. Hanlon deserves great credit.

Each year Youth Week is celebrated in Bridgeton, N. J., by several service

clubs, and the Elks stage three of the biggest events. First, the crowning of the Youth Week King and Queen who receive trophies and the Key to the City; second, the Elks Grade School Olympics, a full afternoon of athletic events with 84 medals and three trophies vied for; third, the climax of the Week—the Elks' Youth Day Blossom Mardi Gras.

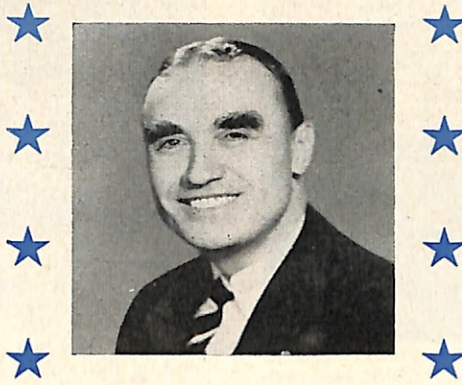
This wind-up is a gigantic project in  
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During the dinner which was part of the three-day celebration sponsored by the Maine Elks which topped all State Assn. efforts, Brian M. Jewett, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committeeman, presented a \$400 "Most Valuable Student Award" to Ava L. Merrill. Seated are State Chairman E. B. Denton, left, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan, principal speaker. Also pictured is Edward Woriman, recipient of the Assn.'s \$200 check.





AS ELKDOM SOWS



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## ***A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler***

**F**OR THE PAST ELEVEN MONTHS it has been my privilege to address all of you through the pages of The Elks Magazine, and now that my tenure of office approaches its end, this will be my final opportunity to speak to you through this medium.

The past year has brought experiences which have enriched my life, which have impressed me anew with the widespread achievements of our beloved Order. Membership growth, expansion of our Youth Work, our charitable and humanitarian endeavors, broadening of our patriotic activities—all of these are attributable to all of my Brother Elks who brought them about. That we can report final success is due to the excellent interest and cooperation extended by all of our members all across the land.

My visits to every state have impressed me with the seriousness with which every Elk assumes the obligation of service when he accepts membership into our fraternity. From ocean to ocean, our Elks lodges function and prosper because each Elk knows that his life, through his affiliation with our Order, is dedicated to service to others.

The warm friendships and hospitality which have been accorded to me wherever I went have enriched my life immeasurably, and the personal observa-

tions of Elkdom in action have increased my pride in what we have done, have raised to new heights my hopes for what we shall do in the future, and have made me humbly grateful that for one year it was my privilege to be the national head of such a wonderful organization.

Words can never adequately convey my deep gratitude for the support and assistance given by our Grand Lodge Officers, Commissions and Committees, District Deputies, State Association officers, our Elks Magazine, and the officers and members of our subordinate lodges. The enthusiasm with which our Gold Star Certificate Program was received inspired me to even greater efforts, and the ultimate success of this program testifies to the willingness and eagerness of each of you, my Brothers, to attain every possible objective and to go many steps beyond them to bring honor and glory to our Order.

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Anyone who has been an Elk for any length of time has been deeply moved and stirred by the character and contributions of our Past Grand Exalted Rulers. To me this year they have been so eager to share their wisdom, advice and experience, they have been so zealous

in promoting our program, they have been so kind and loyal, that anything I might do for Elkdom in the future shall be done in large part as my "Thank you" to this Advisory Committee whose life is devoted to the expression of our cardinal principles, and whose active ideal is and always has been service to others.

The Convention at Philadelphia in July will mark the close of my administration, but it will not be the end of my interest in Elkdom. In every way possible, I shall continue to offer my time and services to my successor and to the progress of Elkdom in all of its phases.

We can be proud of our accomplishments of the past year—proud because they represent the sum of the contributions of each of our 1,150,000 Brothers in each of our 1750 lodges. We can be proud that we were able to produce such a rich harvest for our country, and I pray that God will give each of us the strength, the desire, and the ability to continue to expand our activities so that our country may reap richer harvests each year from the seed planted by you, my Brother Elks, for

"AS ELKDOM SOWS,  
AMERICA REAPS."

*William Jernick*

WILLIAM J. JERNICK  
GRAND EXALTED RULER



Below: When the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Elks held their 17th Annual Convention in Iron River, the host lodge's Degree Team won Ritualistic honors for the sixth straight year, and was awarded the new Harry W. Mertins Traveling Trophy. Receiving individual awards were Asahel Wheeler, E.R.; T. W. Holmes, Est. Lead. Knight; Lawrence La-Rochelle, Loyal Knight; Zigmund Kovalesski, Lect. Knight; O. J. Collins, Esq.; Orville Beeler, Chaplain, and W. J. King, Inner Guard.



# News of the Lodges

## Michigan Upper Peninsula Elks Convene at Iron River

S. Glen Converse, Pres. of the Michigan Elks Assn., was an impressive speaker at the banquet held in conjunction with the 17th Annual Convention of the Upper Peninsula Elks of his State. Iron River Lodge was host to the three-day meeting during which its Degree Team won the Ritualistic Contest for the sixth consecutive year.

Newberry was selected as the 1956 meeting place of this group who elected Neil Maki and A. P. Vescolani, both of that city, as President and Secy.-Treas., respectively, with P. J. Verville of Hancock as Vice-Pres., and Earl Riordan of Sault Ste. Marie reelected Trustee for

three years. The organization's Fall Round-Up will take place at Hancock, and next year's Bowling Tournament site will be Negaunee.

The very enjoyable gathering included many interesting social events, with two 80-piece high school bands—from Iron River and Stambaugh—serenading the delegates throughout the Convention.

## Tribute Paid to 50-Year P.E.R. George L. Hirtzel

About 600 Elks from all over New Jersey and its environs paid their respects to one of the State's most devoted and best loved members when 81-year-old George L. Hirtzel of Elizabeth Lodge No. 289 celebrated his 50th Anniversary as P.E.R. and Trustee.



Not long ago, the cornerstone of the Atlanta, Ga., Salvation Army's old home was removed prior to the Army's taking over new headquarters. The stone had been placed in the structure in 1911 by the Atlanta Elks, original builders and owners. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland who had participated in the 1911 ceremonies, was also on hand for this event, right. When Elk Secy. Tom Brisendine, second from left, and Wm. J. Dray, the Army's Territorial Commander, left, opened the stone they found Feb. 22, 1911, editions of three Atlanta newspapers, a bag containing a \$3 gold piece and other rare coins from all parts of the world, two American Flags, an elk's tooth, a scroll of the 1911 Grand Lodge Officers and many other interesting items. Third from left is Salvation Army Major Ray Brown.

Initiated 57 years ago, Mr. Hirtzel has been a leader in the Elks' Crippled Children's work since its inception. A P.D.D. and former member of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee, Mr. Hirtzel was also one of the founders of the N. J. State Elks Assn. whose Pres., Edward J. Griffith, Chairman of Trustees Harry H. Smith and Vice-Pres. Harrison Barnes were on hand.

In the light of this record, it is no wonder that a contributor to Asbury Park Lodge's fine bulletin closed his editorial lauding Mr. Hirtzel with the following comment: "I take my hat off to you, George, as the present-day Father of all Elksdom, and I prize very highly the honor to class you as one of my very best friends."

Of the lodge's 32 living former E.R.'s, 26 joined Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Mayor N. S. LaCorte, E.R. Joseph R. Lombardi and other dignitaries in honoring this outstanding Elk.

## Georgia Elksdom Welcomes Two New Lodges

Georgia's most distinguished and respected Elk, Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, officiated at the ceremonies instituting two of his State's newest branches of Elksdom—Washington No. 1964 and Cartersville No. 1969. Participating in both instances were Grand Treas. Robert G. Pruitt, retiring State Assn. Pres. Robert E. Falligant, and Special Deputy Roderick M. McDuffie.

D.D. Ray Balthrop of Alabama South, and D.D. Ira Nochumson and P.D.D. John F. Hines of Georgia West, were among the officials who assisted at the institution of No. 1969, while D.D. J. Stewart Asbury, Special Deputy Marston S. Bell and P.D.D. Homer C. Eberhardt were among those who participated in the ceremony at Washington.

Georgia's embryo Lodge No. 1964, which came into being with 92 members,



At special ceremonies Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge's E.R. Floyd W. Bombard, right foreground, presented "Most Valuable Student" Awards to William C. Shriner, second from right, and Mary Ellen Mockbee, second from left, who received \$200 grants, and Viola Trout and Theodore Walwick who received \$50 awards. Also pictured are other applicants, lodge officers and judges.





When he paid a visit to Wenatchee, Wash., Lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, fourth from left foreground, posed for a picture with the officers of the host lodge, and Chairman Edwin J. Alexander of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, second from right foreground, who accompanied him. Pictured between the two distinguished visitors is retiring E.R. William G. Bumps.



George L. Hirtzel, Trustee of Elizabeth, N. J., Lodge, fifth from left, converses with some of the hundreds of friends who attended a testimonial dinner marking his 50th Anniversary as a P.E.R. With Mr. Hirtzel are, left to right: E.R. J. R. Lombardi, Dinner Chairman Edward T. Hallahan, P.E.R., Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Toastmaster Victor H. Eichhorn, P.E.R., and Mayor N. S. LaCorte.



At the dinner attended by over 325 N. J. Elks and their ladies, honoring State Pres. Edward J. Griffith were, left to right: Camden E.R. F. P. Kramer, D.D. Dr. Frank Williams, P.E.R. G. I. Shaw of Camden, Toastmaster, Mr. Griffith and Past Pres. J. P. O'Toole, principal speaker.



City Mgr. L. P. Cookingham assists E.R. Robert W. Boyle in breaking ground for the erection of Kansas City, Mo., Lodge's new home. The building, under construction for two months, will represent an investment of nearly \$200,000 when it is completed and furnished.

had the officers of Augusta Lodge No. 205 presiding for their initiation. Its first officers are headed by John Wright, and Earl Watkins leads No. 1969, following his election by the 64 Charter Members who were inducted by Dalton dignitaries.

#### **Durant, Okla., Lodge Instituted**

Past State Pres. John M. Collin presided at ceremonies making Durant Lodge No. 1963 an official branch of Oklahoma

Elkdom. D.D. Wm. V. Shirley conducted the institution events, assisted by Mr. Collin, his son, D.D. S. Broughton Collin, and D.D.'s Albert C. Overton and Joe Paulk, Pres. C. R. Horton, Vice-Pres. Bert M. Wysor and Treas. Clair Hill of the Okla. Elks Assn. and P.D.D. Marvin Fowler.

The officers of Holdenville Lodge handled the initiation of 145 Charter Members who, with others received on transfer dimit, brought No. 1963's roster

to 155. E.R. Virge Steger and his officers were installed by dignitaries headed by Past State Pres. D. E. McCroskey.

Among the 108 visiting Elks was Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James who delivered an inspiring talk, following which State Pres. Horton extended the Assn.'s official welcome to Durant's membership. Closing ceremonies were handled by the leaders of Denison, Tex., Lodge, headed by E.R. Cecil Honea.



This photograph was taken at the institution of Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., Lodge, No. 1962, when its 149 Charter Members elected Dr. Anthony R. Mancari as their first E.R. at the home of Hackensack Elkdom.



## LODGE NOTES

We really started something here a few months ago when we brought up the subject of veteran Elks and their records. Richard C. Macomb, for instance, a Life Member of Durango, Colo., Lodge, read these notes and promptly informed us that his father, William R. Macomb, has a pretty good Elk record himself—he has held a Life Membership in Leadville, Colo., Elksdom since Oct. 7th, 1904. The elder Macomb is 85 now—alert, active and healthy in his 52nd Elk year.

Then Fairmont, W. Va., Lodge's Secy. Fred J. Glover let us know that Senator M. M. Neely has been a Life Member of that lodge since April 30, 1903, and served as E.R. in 1907.

Another answer to the challenge came from Tom Davies, Bloomfield, N. J., Lodge's capable Bulletin Editor. He reports that his lodge's sole surviving Charter Member is George Hummel who celebrated his 90th birthday not long ago. One of the ten men responsible for the lodge's formation 54 years ago, Mr. Hummel reads his Elks Magazine regularly—and without the aid of glasses, Mr. Davies adds.

A recent gala event at the home of Decatur, Ga., Elksdom was a dinner for an enthusiastic group of alumni of the Univ. of Ga., all of DeKalb County. Highlight of the program was an inspiring address by Wallace Butts, Georgia's well-known football mentor.

Kankakee, Ill., Lodge's Crippled Children's Committee Chairman C. E. Beardsley has received a letter from the father of a little girl for whom the lodge provided a much-needed hearing aid. In his way, this father has said what thousands of parents of handicapped youngsters of Illinois undoubtedly feel, but have difficulty in expressing in thanking the Elks for what they've done for their children. Telling of the beauty in his daughter's happy face when the hearing aid carried her mother's voice to her, this father said: "I am sure if you could have seen . . . what a difference it has made in her, you would be repaid a thousand times in your heart." Regretting his inability to afford membership in the Order, he continued: "I would consider it a great honor . . . to belong to the Elks, because I know there isn't a finer group of men, or club, anywhere in the world."



Instituted only last June with 340 Charter Members, Moses Lake, Wash., Lodge, No. 1930, almost doubled its membership in its first nine months and has qualified for its Gold Star. Outstanding in a series of similar events was the initiation of 87 men on Elksdom's 87th Anniversary.



Frank Clark, fifth from left, foreground, with some of the 54 men initiated into Peekskill, N. Y., Lodge in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Not only were all 54 proposed by Mr. Clark, but he later presented 47 additional applications to lodge officials—a terrific one-man record.



This photograph gives some idea of the large number of men who became affiliates of Glendale, Ariz., Lodge, No. 1961, when it was instituted at the home of Phoenix Elksdom with the officers of that lodge presiding. A total of 302 candidates were initiated, with 49 accepted on dimit.



Left: Earl Watkins, third from left foreground, the first E.R. of the new Cartersville, Ga., Lodge, No. 1969, pictured with his staff of fellow officers.

Right: These are the Charter Officers of the newly-instituted Dearborn, Mich., Lodge, No. 1945, an event which took place at the home of Detroit Elksdom.





## Broken Bow, Neb., Elks Dedicate New Home

The Spring Conference of the Nebraska Elks Assn. took place at Broken Bow Lodge No. 1688, with all State officers and representatives of Nebraska's 22 lodges on hand.

The two-day meeting coincided with the dedication of the host lodge's handsome new \$150,000 home, a ceremony handled by the officers of Scottsbluff Lodge, with Chairman H. L. Blackledge of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary as the principal speaker. Officials of Lincoln Lodge initiated a class of 30 candidates for No. 1688 whose first Exalted Ruler, Fred Johnston, now a resident of Montana, showed his loyalty to his home lodge by being in attendance at the gala program.

The Broken Bow Elks deserve a great deal of credit for the progress they've made in the nine-year existence of their lodge—particularly in view of the fact that they own their building outright.

## Grand Island Team Tops Nebraska Elk Bowlers

The 15th Annual Bowling Tournament of the Nebraska Elks has just been concluded, with a total of 133 teams, 301 doubles and 601 single entries. All 22 lodges of the State were represented, proving the competition's growth in popularity.

Held over three weekends, the Tournament site was again in Grand Island, with the Star Super Market Team of that city taking the championship with 3,017 pins. The doubles champions are a pair of Lincoln Elks who rolled 1,290—E. Macoy and M. Lang, with Scottsbluff Elksdom represented nicely by K. Holm who captured singles honors with 736. Lincoln's kegler Macoy doubled his kudos when he was named All Events Champion, with the gold watch for the high



This picture was taken at the Chillicothe, Ohio, City-County Health Dept. office where everything but the vaccine itself was in readiness for the inoculation of first- and second-graders against polio. The medical equipment required for the shots is in the foreground, with Health Commissioner Dr. N. A. Dyer, left, handing the bill for it to E. R. H. Eugene Grady of the Chillicothe Elks Lodge whose members voted unanimously to finance its purchase.

Celebrating his 50th Anniversary as a Lynchburg, Va., Elk, R. Chess McGhee, left, enjoyed a game of pool with P.E.R. J. Benson Hoge. Mr. McGhee, P.D.D., former Grand Tiler and Past Pres. of the Virginia Elk Assn., has been Esquire of his lodge since 1925.



single game going to H. Jolliffe, a North Platte Elk bowler who scored when he dropped 257 pins.

## Chillicothe, Ohio, Elks to Aid in Salk Vaccinations

Chillicothe Lodge No. 52 has agreed to underwrite costs of all medical equipment and supplies necessary in administering Salk vaccine to the area's first- and second-grade children. One piece of apparatus is a portable sterilizer which has been made the permanent property of the County Health Dept. The Elks also decided to donate \$500 for the purchase of vaccine for children whose parents cannot afford to buy it.

Not long after making this generous gesture, No. 52 suffered a great loss of property when fire broke out in the lodge home, on which a four-year remodeling and improvement program had only recently been completed. Smoke, water and ash seepage caused most of the damage, estimated at about \$50,000 and only partially covered by insurance.

## Abilene, Tex., Elks Organized Under Sweetwater Aegis

Abilene Lodge No. 562 came into being with D.D. Don D. Varnell handling the institution ceremony and the officers of Sweetwater Lodge, No. 562's sponsor, installing E.R. Wm. Callaway and his panel.

State Association President Dr. D. E. Biser was the principal speaker on the program, sharing the dais with Past State President R. P. Willis and Vice President W. C. Ragsdale.

Representatives of 12 Texas lodges saw El Paso's State Championship Ritualistic Team initiate the Charter Member Class.

## Many San Antonio Elks at St. Mary's Concert

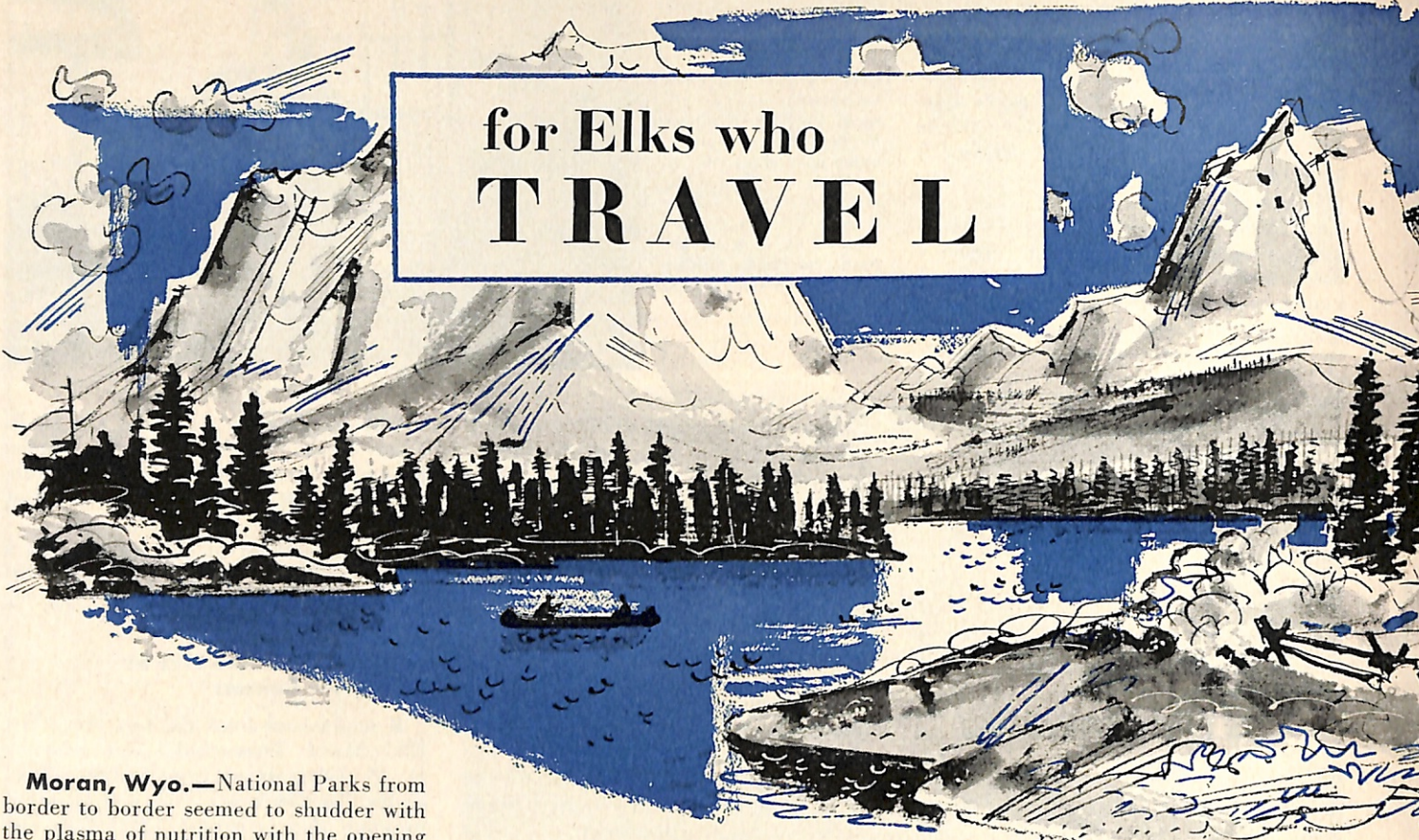
It might have been the fact that "The Elks March Triumphant," composed by D. M. Edwards of San Antonio, Tex., Lodge, No. 216, was on the well arranged program that prompted 1,500 Elks and their friends to attend St. Mary's University's annual Symphonic Band Concert. There's no doubt, however, that the entire audience of over 4,200 persons representing 29 organizations enjoyed it. Prof. F. G. Sturchio's inspiring arrangement was rendered faultlessly by the University's ROTC Symphonic Band which won top honors at the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Calif., last New Year's Day.

Recordings of this masterful presentation should realize a great deal of money for the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital, the recipient of all proceeds from the sale of Mr. Edward's fine composition.



Ray L. Crosland, P.E.R. and Charter Member of Bethlehem, Pa., Lodge, seated fourth from left, second row, was honored at a dinner meeting when a 35-man class was initiated as a tribute to his untiring efforts as long-time Chairman of his lodge's Membership Committee. Among the guests were State Pres. Ruel H. Smith, D.D. B. Harrison McCoy who congratulated the host lodge on its \$1,300 gift to the Elks National Foundation, Past State Pres. Wilbur G. Warner, and many other prominent Elks, including the visiting N.J. Cent. D.D. J. Francis Moroney.





# for Elks who TRAVEL

**Moran, Wyo.**—National Parks from border to border seemed to shudder with the plasma of nutrition with the opening here in mid-June of a new \$6 million resort hotel and cottage colony in the pristine wilderness of the Grand Teton National Park. The big hotel with its convoy of motel-like units spread around it was the gift (and pet project) of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. who was entranced with the scenery and aghast at the living conditions endured by nature lovers who have come here in years gone by.

Known as the Jackson Lake Lodge, the hotel is a modern expanse with immense glass windows through which the lobby-lounger and the diner will be able to view tremendous Teton range, a snow-capped assortment of mountain peaks reaching from 10,000 to better than 13,000 feet into the blue Wyoming sky. In front is Jackson Lake, a 25,000-acre expanse of water sometimes as deep as 400 feet, and inhabited by speedboats and cutthroat trout.

The largest vacation plant ever installed in a national park at one time, the Jackson Lake Lodge has fifty rooms in the concrete main building and 250-rooms in the colorful cottages, each of which is equipped with a door colored the hue of a local wildflower and two double beds. The dining room, with table space for 500 at a time, will feature moderately priced meals, but anyone who seeks less formality can find a stool at the 100-seat soda fountain which will serve anything from a soda to a sirloin. Cottage rooms cost \$10 for two, \$11 for three, \$12 for four, and main lodge rooms are \$10 to \$14 for the room depending upon its location.

For those in jeans who don't fancy

**Our travel writer reports from Wyoming  
on changes at Grand Teton National Park.**

**BY HORACE SUTTON**

**ILLUSTRATED BY TOM HILL**

registering in a plush lobby in full view of white-flanneled loungers, the registration desk is on a lower floor, on a level with the driveway. Automobilers will slip under a porte-cochere and may register with an attendant who carries a clipboard. With a map in hand the party may then find its own cottage without need of getting out of the car or enlisting the services of a bellhop.

## **312,000-ACRE PLAYGROUND**

First established in 1929, the park became a National Monument in 1943. Patiently and bit by bit, Rockefeller's agents bought up surrounding lands and in 1949 he gave the government a tract of 33,000 acres. The next year the Grand Teton National Park opened with 312,000 acres. Although there were a few scattered ranches and cabin colonies within the preserve, and camp grounds by the lakeshores, conditions were so crowded that visitors frequently slept in their cars. It was this situation that prompted Rockefeller to build the \$6 million hotel, doubtless the largest resort ever installed at one time in a National Park.

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the Grand Tetons park is just six miles from the southern border of Yellowstone, oldest of the national parks. While the Tetons attractions are its imposing mountains, some of them climbing straight up from sparkling lakes, Yellowstone is nature's circus tent, filled with probably the greatest assortment of freaks ever assembled in one preserve. Visitors coming up from the south by way of the Tetons will be able to drive to Yellowstone's Old Faithful Geyser in about an hour and a half. True to form and tradition, Old Faithful faithfully ejects a huge plume of steam and water better than a hundred feet in the air. There are seats all around and on summer days it is nothing to assemble an audience of 4,000 spectators for the display. Old Faithful Inn, which looks out to the natural fountain, was originally built in 1903 and is the oldest log structure in the world. It charges about \$18 for two, American plan (with meals) for a room with a connecting bath and a full view of the geyser.

Yellowstone's hotels are spotted around the Park. At the north end of Yellowstone Lake sits the Lake Hotel, a big yellow inn with white columns, looking





down from a slight rise at the huge body of water that stretches across the Federal preserve for a distance of 22 miles at its longest point. Storms come up so suddenly and the water is so deep and cold that there are severe restrictions about boating, and only craft better than sixteen feet long can venture farther than a quarter of a mile offshore. Down near Fishing Bridge, which adjoins the village called Lake, there are 700 simple cabins equipped with bed, stove, table and bench where those who bring their own bedding or rent it may sleep for \$1.50 a night and spend the day catching trout off Fishing Bridge.

Fourteen miles to the north will bring the traveler to Canyon, locale of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, a rift in the earth's troubled surface through which the Yellowstone River tumbles and

flows. On its way from Yellowstone Lake, the water spills into the canyon over two drops, one 109 feet, the other 308 feet. For those who want to nestle in the environs of this tremendous sight, there is the Canyon Hotel, a cavernous but modern structure, panelled in Wisconsin birch, with room for no fewer than 700 nature lovers.

#### MAGIC FROM THE EARTH

Both at Norris Geyser Basin and at Mammoth Hot Springs there is a wide assortment of cracks, fissures and what not, belching steam, smoke and all manner of fireworks that remind one of what used to go on in a very small way, of course, in chemistry class. Well, if you can imagine all the magic the instructors used to invoke, multiply fifty or a hundred fold and realize that is created continuously and naturally, then you have a fair idea of the phenomena fuming from the earth at Yellowstone.

The northernmost of Yellowstone's hotels sits up at Mammoth Hot Springs, adjoining the park entrance. Across the border, in Montana, and outside the park limits is the village of Gardner where you will find a number of pleasant motels.

For those hitting the northern trail to the high country, Glacier National Park must be counted as one of the most dramatic of the country's preserves. Here you are inside the woods and alongside the lakes, with snow-capped mountains rising all around and the lore of the In-

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## Excerpts from Annual Reports Submitted to the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia in July.

### The Grand Exalted Ruler

**O**PENING his report to the Grand Lodge, Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick said: "During the year I have traveled approximately 100,000 miles to visit more than 300 lodges, in addition to attending many State Association meetings. I also met with many Governors and had the privilege of explaining to them the great work done by the Elks for the people of their states.

"Twice it was my very great honor to meet in Washington, D.C., with President Eisenhower; first, to discuss with him the work being done by the Elks for the youth of America, and on the second occasion to be present when he presented the awards to the national winners of our Youth Leadership Contests.

"My visitations all over the land have increased my pride in our Order; they have left me with a lasting memory of high leadership in our subordinate lodges and State Associations, of loyalty, cooperation and support by all of our members. My visits have indicated again the wonderful spirit of hospitality and brotherly love which characterizes our great fraternity. The summit of joy and expectation reached at the Convention in Los Angeles last summer has never leveled off. This has been for me a tremendously inspiring and gratifying year, a year which gave me unlimited opportunities to see how "ELKDOM SOWS THAT AMERICA MIGHT REAP."

#### *Gold Star Certificate Program*

The Grand Exalted Ruler reported in considerable detail about his basic program for the year—the Gold Star Certificate Program. The Program was first presented at the Los Angeles Convention last July at a luncheon attended by Exalted Rulers. It was then presented to Grand Lodge Committeemen, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Commissions, the State Presidents and the District Deputies at the three District Deputy Conferences. The Program, under the very apt slogan, "As Elkdom Sows, America Reaps," consisted of 16 points for Subordinate Lodges, another 16 for District Deputies and a 9-point program for State Associations. For the subordinate lodges, Point No. 1 dealt

with attendance at District Deputy Conferences on the part of Exalted Rulers and Secretaries, and the Grand Exalted Ruler reported that this attendance was most satisfactory. Points 2, 5, 8, 10, 12 and 15 dealt with membership growth and lapsation. Mr. Jernick reported that many lodges exceeded the minimum goal of 35 new members. Over 100 subordinate lodges reported no members delinquent in dues; "and this demonstrates," said the Grand Exalted Ruler, "the possibility for every lodge to attain a 100 per cent paid-up membership."

To obtain Point 3, a lodge was asked to contribute at least \$200 to the Elks National Foundation. "Each lodge which achieved this goal will find itself enriched by the contributions it has made to the Foundation so that it, in turn, will be in a position to assist the lodges in times of emergency or need," Mr. Jernick stated.

"The high rate of participation in National Newspaper Week (Point 4) is a tribute to the awareness of the lodges, the District Deputies and State officers of the importance of a free press in a free nation. The response to this goal has been very gratifying . . .," the Grand Exalted Ruler reported.

Point 6—Participation in Elks National Service Commission Program for Veterans—resulted in numerous lodges establishing for the first time Veterans Welfare and Rehabilitation Committees, Veterans Employment Committees, thus contributing to the alleviation of suffering among thousands of Veterans.

Point 9 of the Gold Star Certificate Program dealt with participation in a State or District Ritualistic Contest, and the Grand Exalted Ruler was gratified to note that the majority of lodges take this responsibility seriously and render a Ritual that is impressive and correct.

The Grand Exalted Ruler reported that Point 11—Participation in some form of charitable and community welfare—was met by every lodge in the Order. Furthermore, many lodges, in compliance with this goal, have increased their activities to a considerable extent.

The list of new lodges, which is incorporated in the digest of the Grand Secre-

tary's Report, on page 37, is witness to the success of Point 13—Participation in organization of one new lodge in the District or exhaust the possibility thereof. "Thanks to the subordinate lodges, our record of Dispensations granted for new lodges this year is outstanding," Mr. Jernick said.

Point 16—Proper recognition of Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies—was earned by almost 100 per cent of the lodges and illustrates in a concrete manner the patriotism for which the Order stands, Mr. Jernick reported.

"We have always recognized that progress demands that each succeeding year must be better than the last, and I am happy to report that by reason of the Gold Star Certificate Program, through the cooperation of all, we did show progress in all phases of our activities," the Grand Exalted Ruler said, concluding this part of his Report.

#### *Past Grand Exalted Rulers*

"Words can never fully express my deep gratitude to these men whose assistance, experience and counsel have always been at my call. Their wisdom, support and cooperation were always gladly given, and we are indeed fortunate to have our Past Grand Exalted Rulers so actively and so capably engaged in promoting the welfare of our Order," the Grand Exalted Ruler said in way of deep appreciation.

#### *Appreciation of Help*

In his Report, Mr. Jernick particularly expressed his appreciation of the splendid work of his District Deputies and the great assistance they had given him in making the Gold Star Certificate Program a success.

He also thanked Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson for his able work in filling the office left vacant by the passing of late Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. Edgar Masters last August.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then reported his sincere thanks for the work of the Board of Grand Trustees, with special reference to the successful operation of the Elks National Home during the year.

"To Robert G. Pruitt goes high commendation for a difficult task well done,



and we are indeed fortunate to have this particular function in the hands of one so capable," the Grand Exalted Ruler advised.

The Grand Exalted Ruler was fortunate to have a very able Secretary in Matthew J. Coyle and in his report Mr. Jernick pointed out the great assistance that Brother Coyle rendered.

In concluding this part of the Report, the Grand Exalted Ruler paid tribute to the outstanding work of the Grand Lodge Committees and Commissions.

### Recommendations

The Grand Exalted Ruler made five recommendations in his Report, as follows:

1. He has arranged with the Grand Secretary to make an analysis of each lodge's membership and lapsation status, to get this information in the form of quarterly reports, and to advise each lodge quickly so that the Exalted Ruler and Secretary will appreciate that this is an active assignment for the continued success of the lodge.

2. Because of the rapid expansion of many of our communities in which new lodges could very well be instituted, the Grand Exalted Ruler recommends that the District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, and State Association Presidents place emphasis upon this phase of the Order's development.

3. Where the lodge's dues are too small for the facilities made available to the membership, the matter deserves serious consideration and attention for the continued welfare and success of the lodge.

4. In every community there should be an Elks project—one initiated by Elks, executed by Elks, and promoted by Elks for the welfare of the people whom they serve.

5. The Grand Exalted Ruler recommends that every State Association appoint a special Rehabilitation Committee to help lodges that require it and to give particular assistance and aid to newly instituted lodges.

### Conclusion

Concluding his report Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick said: "I have deeply appreciated the many friendships I have made, the opportunities to see so much of our beloved country, the splendid people who dwell in it, and the remarkable service performed by my Brother Elks everywhere for this dearly loved nation.

"It is my earnest wish and prayer that Almighty God will continue to lead our Order toward greater service and toward the fullest possible expression in our personal lives of our cardinal principles—Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. The seed we sowed this year will bear fruit for countless generations. With the help of God, we shall continue to sow the seeds of good deeds so that our fellow man might reap a more abundant harvest, for 'AS ELKDOM SOWS, AMERICA REAPS.'"

# The Grand Secretary

**A**T THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION held in Los Angeles last July, Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. E. Masters was unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary. He passed away on August 6, 1954, thus ending a period of twenty-seven years of faithful service in that office. On September 6, 1954, Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick named Lee A. Donaldson, Etna, Pa., Lodge, to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Masters. The following is a digest of Grand Secretary Donaldson's Report to the Grand Lodge.

### Membership

"Again our Order has shown a substantial increase in membership," the Grand Secretary stated. For the period April 1st, 1954, to March 31, 1955, subordinate lodges added 85,720 to their rolls by initiation; 12,770 by dimit; and 7,871 by reinstatement. During this period, 79,551 Brothers were lost through deaths, dimit, expulsions, or dropped for non-payment of dues. Total membership as of March 31, 1955 was 1,149,613, representing a net gain of 26,810. Forty-four new lodges were instituted.

Concerned about membership loss, Grand Secretary Donaldson said in his Report: "The total of 44,200 dropped for non-payment of dues again calls attention to this most serious membership problem. There is no panacea for its cure, but its treatment demands the attention of every Exalted Ruler and lodge Secretary. The appointment of a live Lapsation Committee, members of which would personally contact the delinquent,

beginning when he is only six months in arrears, could be the means of saving many members. The regular and frequent billing of those in arrears, plus personal contact by every lodge Secretary, would result in a substantial reduction of the number of members dropped for non-payment of dues.

Continuing recommendations from his long experience in the Order Mr. Don-

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### Charitable, Welfare, and Patriotic Work

Below is a list of Charitable, Welfare, and Patriotic activities in which Subordinate Lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for the same during the lodge year from April 1, 1954, through March 31, 1955:

Activities	Amount
Relief of Members, Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc.	\$ 663,549.90
Summer Outings, Camps, and Health Resorts	270,718.91
Crippled Children	1,062,427.35
Medical Aid and Hospitals	459,321.92
Care of Needy Families, including Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets	984,052.69
Elks National Foundation	224,327.21
Youth Work (except for scholarships, free textbooks, etc.)	702,772.37
Scholarships, Free Textbooks, etc.	221,447.81
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.	329,639.17
Veterans' Relief	164,883.54
Miscellaneous	1,012,186.70
Flag Day, Constitution Day, Fourth of July, etc.	190,240.28
Total	\$6,285,567.85

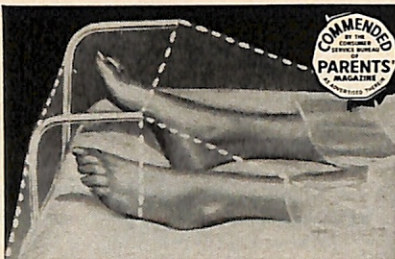
The following table shows the amount expended in Charitable and Welfare work by each State and Special Jurisdiction, during the period from April 1, 1954, to March 31, 1955:

### Membership By States—1955

State	Membership	State	Membership
Ala.	6,799	Nebr.	15,923
Alaska	7,784	Nev.	4,349
Ariz.	15,145	N. H.	5,819
Ark.	2,919	N. J.	35,808
Calif.	111,272	N. M.	8,089
C. Z.	1,337	N. Y.	72,639
Colo.	29,152	N. C.	11,251
Conn.	19,883	N. D.	13,157
Del., Md., D. C.	12,015	Ohio	58,667
Fla.	29,291	Okla.	7,850
Ga.	18,715	Ore.	43,293
Guam	311	Pa.	89,095
Hawaii	2,023	P. I.	520
Ida.	20,466	P. R.	799
Ill.	60,772	R. I.	7,347
Ind.	46,417	S. C.	6,978
Ia.	28,432	S. D.	9,810
Kan.	22,606	Tenn.	10,558
Ky.	7,315	Tex.	21,215
La.	2,866	Utah	5,137
Me.	5,312	Vi.	5,702
Mass.	37,887	Va.	12,852
Mich.	50,668	Wash.	54,151
Minn.	14,674	W. Va.	18,641
Miss.	3,246	Wis.	27,181
Mo.	13,146	Wyo.	10,932
Mont.	21,387	Total	1,149,613

State	Amount	State	Amount
Ala.	\$ 43,705.81	Nebr.	\$ 74,283.35
Alaska	55,615.93	Nev.	32,748.25
Ariz.	94,762.08	N. H.	25,115.24
Ark.	19,623.16	N. J.	341,226.51
Calif.	728,332.18	N. M.	57,340.11
C. Z.	4,661.86	N. Y.	411,357.75
Colo.	261,277.50	N. C.	106,970.07
Conn.	85,101.93	N. D.	56,216.37
Del., Md., D. C.	87,082.35	Ohio	192,728.20
Fla.	202,519.64	Okla.	54,693.02
Ga.	273,866.82	Ore.	267,122.53
Guam	3,428.80	Pa.	284,538.54
Hawaii	9,402.60	P. I.	1,887.33
Ida.	104,102.70	P. R.	4,937.67
Ill.	325,815.05	R. I.	63,196.36
Ind.	159,561.60	S. C.	62,136.95
Ia.	76,218.79	S. D.	27,736.02
Kan.	73,948.91	Tenn.	74,767.68
Ky.	32,236.90	Tex.	195,770.09
La.	17,148.61	Utah	88,314.17
Me.	21,760.74	Vi.	33,204.37
Mass.	289,447.49	Va.	59,884.86
Mich.	113,748.72	Wash.	193,599.74
Minn.	61,631.30	W. Va.	111,253.07
Miss.	17,065.58	Wis.	113,264.20
Mo.	83,198.91	Wyo.	38,317.01
Mont.	67,692.35	Total	\$6,285,567.85





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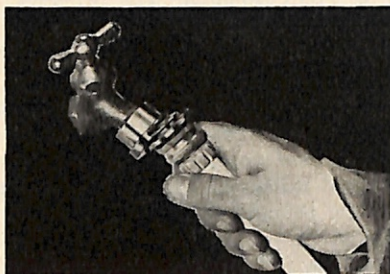
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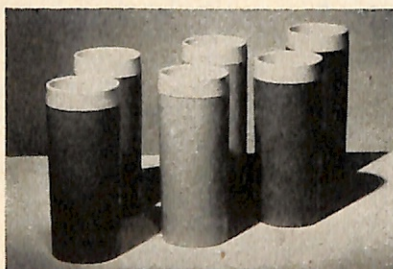
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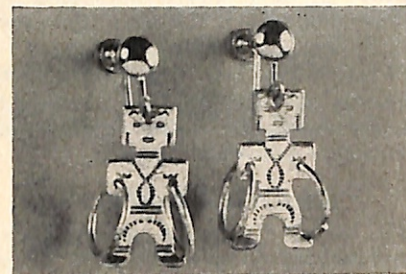
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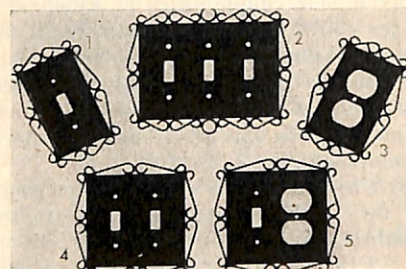
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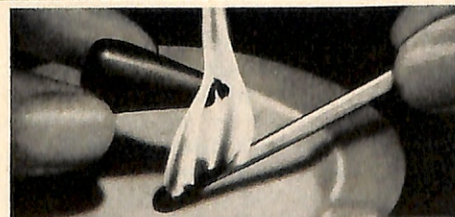
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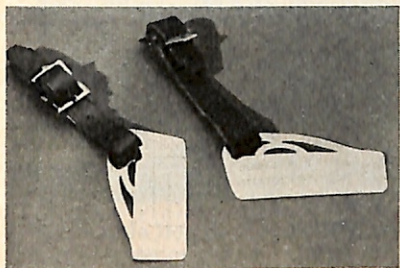
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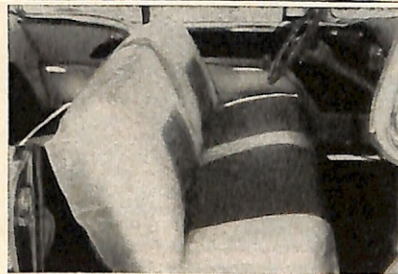
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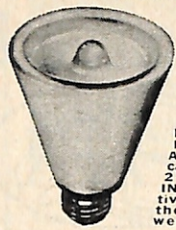
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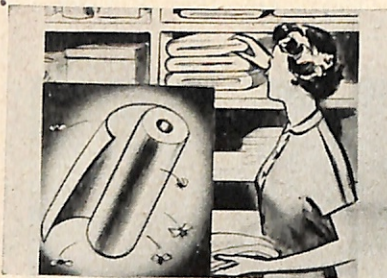
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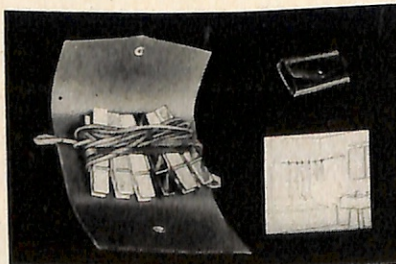
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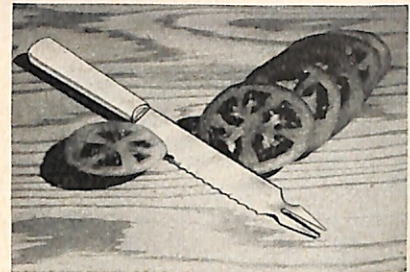


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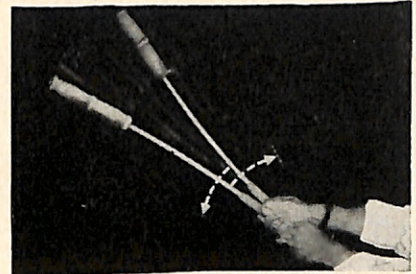


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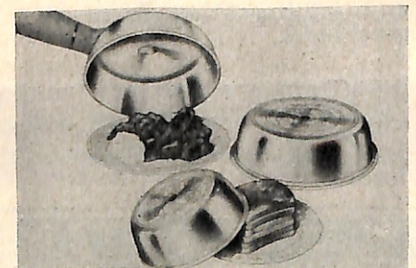
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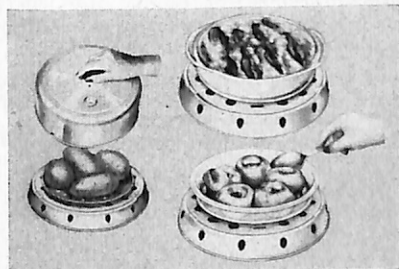




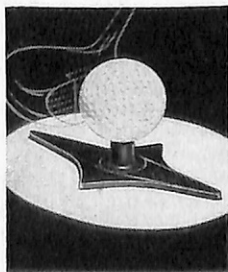
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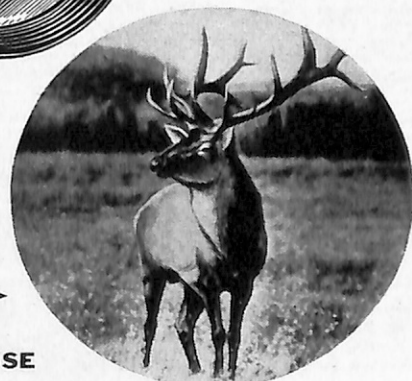
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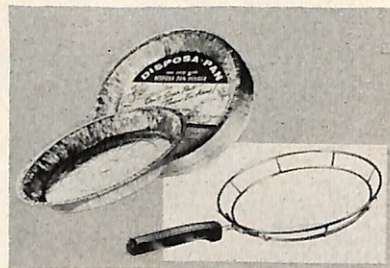
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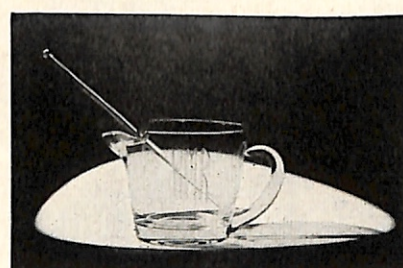
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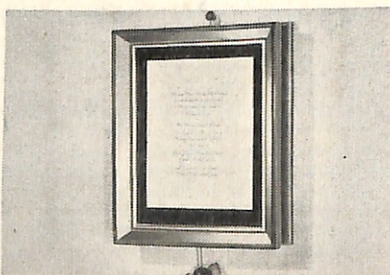
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# In the Doghouse

Do dogs reason?—and if so, to what extent?

I THINK IT WAS MARK TWAIN who wrote that when he was fourteen he couldn't understand how his old man could have lived so long knowing so little and then, when he was twenty-one, it amazed him to discover how much his Pop had learned in seven years. I mention this because in a way it reflects my experience with dogs—and I mean no disrespect to Mark Twain's Papa. When I was younger I knew that I knew all about dogs—well, pretty nearly all. Later when I became seriously interested in them it surprised me to find out how much I didn't know and, still later, when fortified by experience that came with the years I began to write about them I learned that Fido has a lot of secrets that still baffle students of dog psychology, as well as dog writers. A case in point, do dogs reason and to what extent or do they employ simple animal instinct? In mixed company, particularly if the boys and girls are seriously interested in our four-legged friends, you might get an argument either way. At one time you would have found me in the camp of those who maintain that dog behavior is governed entirely by instinct and I was something more than set in my belief. But the previously mentioned years and experience have caused me to wonder.

Authentic accounts of Mr. and Mrs. Dog doing so many remarkable things for which there have been no entirely satisfactory explanations leads to a growing belief that maybe the pooch is a heap smarter than I thought. Certainly, blind instinct alone wouldn't account for the many dogs that have found their ways back to their homes from vast distances away. There's the dog left in Seattle by its owner who had moved to Detroit that months later turned up on his master's doorstep. Bear in mind that pup wasn't a hitch-hiking human and, further, there were many streams, many rivers for him to cross. Add to this he had no back trail to follow. This was an incident reported in a Detroit newspaper which I quoted in these pages in a previous issue. While this was unusual it was not, and probably will not be, the only instance of its kind.

Another example I saw was given by a little Scottish terrier friend of mine, a tyke that—taken by car over unfamiliar

roads, twelve miles from his home—ran away, but arrived at his home early the following day. Insistence upon instinct as an explanation doesn't seem to this fellow Faust to be exactly satisfactory. Dr. J. B. Rhine of Duke University, famous scientific investigator of extrasensory perception, has been quoted as saying that animals seem to have some kind of ability which enables them to perform remarkable feats. Whether it is actually a sixth sense or an amazingly keen response stemming from a known sense organ, no one knows yet. Animals, dogs particularly, many of them, know instantly whether a person is friendly to them or not. Whether this is the so-called sixth sense operating or can be explained

as evidence of certain telepathic abilities—who knows? Many dogs too seem to detect such abnormalities as insanity or intoxication in human beings and will avoid them. How explain that by instinct alone? Many mentally deranged are not violent and there's many a person whose schnapps does nothing more than quiet them. So it isn't fear that causes the dog's behavior—or is it? But certain it is that the animal receives some warning, although not by action of the person or voice inflection.

Fairfield Osborn of the New York Zoological Society—Bronx Park Zoo—writes, "Anyone who studies animals meets with endless surprises as to the things they do (Continued on page 50)"

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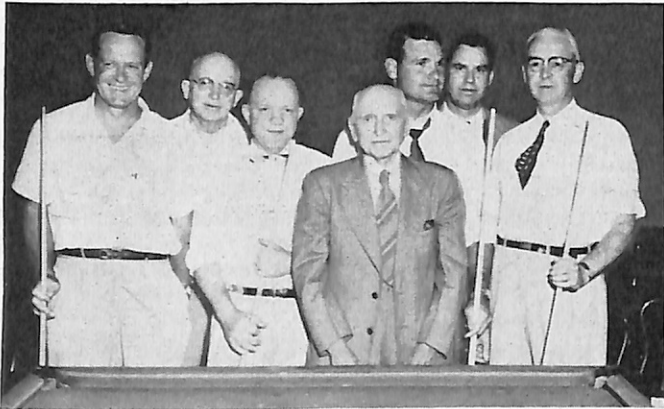


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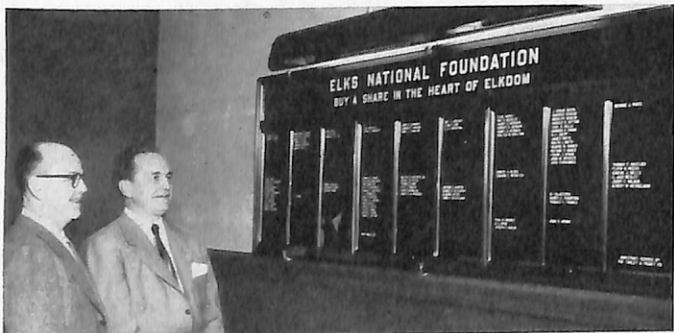
L. B. Barnes, P.E.R. of Bowling Green, Ohio, Lodge, presided as E.R. during the initiation of this group of candidates, foreground, one of whom was his son. P.E.R. Barnes stands center, with E.R. Kenneth H. Harger on his left, flanked by other officials of the lodge.



Here are the finalists and semi-finalists in Knoxville, Tenn., Lodge's Snooker Tournament, with the doubles championship won by Bill Baker and Orvis Milner. Left to right: Charles Vaughan, Capt. Clark Sanland, Quincy Gorman, 82-year-old Club Mgr. George Camp who presented the trophy, Orvis Milner, Roy Witt, one of the judges, and Bill Baker.



This is the Newcomerstown group of Elks, the Funk's Pontiac Team, which topped the 7th Annual Ohio S.E. Dist. Elks Bowling Tournament at Coshocton, the first to win the competition a second time. Left to right, standing: Wendell Yavai, Charles Holdsworth, Walter Funk and William Ferrill; seated: Paul Hamersley and Howard Groff.



Chairman C. Melvin Clements of the Ind. Elks National Foundation Committee, left, and State Vice-Pres. John H. Jennings inspect the plaque set up in the lobby of the home of Evansville, Ind., Lodge, on which the names of all members who have pledged a \$100 donation to the Foundation are displayed. In six months, 130 Elks made that pledge.



Each year, the ladies of Mobile, Ala., Elksdom present a gift to the Elks Crippled Children's Fund. This year's \$400 gift was given to long-time Committee Chairman J. A. Marques by Mrs. Emanuel C. Perez. Left to right are lodge Secy. John M. Lynch, Mr. Marques, Mrs. Perez and her husband, a Past Exalted Ruler and Trustee of the lodge.



When the Iowa and Illinois Elks got together at Rock Island for their Interstate 3-Cushion Billiard Tournament, the Illinois contingent took the competition, with Gene Randolph making the highest score in four games and tying with William Hawkins for first and second with 200 points; Art Sackett and Don Tozer followed. The four Illinois Elks are pictured at left, with the defeated Iowa group—Don Latimer, Glenn Melton, Rees Hoy and J. C. Blackford.

Right: R. H. Reade, Chairman of Omaha, Neb., Lodge's Community Welfare Committee, presents a hearing aid to Shirley Patton, a student at the Nebraska School for the Deaf. Mrs. Bennett, the child's teacher, right, reports that her pupil has benefited greatly through this gift.





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Emilio R. Cerci, Brockton, Mass., needs a year at Sargent College, Boston University, to complete his advanced training in cerebral palsy physical therapy. Thanks to a recent grant of \$550 by the Foundation, Mr. Cerci is now taking this advanced work; and, as a result, another skilled technician will be available in this critical field.

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“To date, the Elks National Foundation has awarded more than 200 fellowships to doctors, nurses, technicians and teachers to overcome the shortage of personnel trained in the rehabilitation of the cerebral palsied,” Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley reports.

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One of the interesting phases of the Elks National Foundation Scholarships is the varied ways that young people receiving the awards are approaching their education. In applying for an Emergency Educational Fund Scholarship, Rodney N. Dyer of Laconia, N. H., reported to Mr. Malley with these words: “I feel that I should inform you of my progress at the University of New Hampshire to date. I have always had a strong interest in government and law, so I arranged my course with the intention of going into some phase of government administration. A strong-interest test showed that I was genuinely interested in this field, and my grades indicated that I had the ability for it. It is my earnest hope that I justify in a small part the faith you have placed in me.”

## They Made May Day American

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itself; it opens with a parade, then there are the ten-school Band, Drum Corps and Baton Twirling Championships when the Elks served sandwiches and pop to all competitors and spectators, and presented seven trophies, 11 medals and \$500 in cash prizes. In the evening there is a banquet for the King and Queen; this year Past State Pres. Joseph P. O’Toole was the principal speaker and six Exchange Students and two teachers from Germany, Italy, France and Korea were fascinated guests. After that, the Coronation Ball brings the observance to its festive conclusion.

### Youth Month for Aurora

Aurora, Colo., Elksdom actually held its initial Youth Day affair on March 31st, with a Spring Kick-Off Meeting of the Elks’ Teenagers Club when plans were announced for the lodge’s sponsorship of Student Government Day on Apr. 29th. A week later a meeting of the Teenagers resulted in the choosing of election commissioners from the Club’s membership, and on April 14th the primaries were held.

With careful planning and fine publicity, the campaign ran smoothly and on the 23rd, election day, there was a heavy turnout of junior voters who were encouraged and thrilled when the radio station broadcast election returns. On the 29th, the city was put into the hands of the successful candidates, with a regular council meeting at City Hall and the Elks’ Teenagers handling their civic responsibilities with poise. An unqualified success, the day’s events received

excellent newspaper publicity, and Station KLZ-TV newscast gave it complete coverage—even to films of the student officials in action.

Aurora’s conclusion of its Salute to Youth was a party, open to the public, when the young civic leaders received special recognition from E.R. J. L. O’Brien and Mayor Wm. B. Mansfield.

### State Honors to Maine

The Maine Elks’ observance was selected as the finest sponsored by a State group. The three-day affair had more than 30,000 future citizens participating in the two major events—one in Portland for Western Maine on Apr. 30th; the other in Old Town on May 1st for the Eastern lodges.

Opening Friday afternoon with mass meetings at every high school in the state, with 75,000 students participating, the program continued with a Pageant for Youth for 15,000 students at Municipal Stadium in Portland, preceded by a parade of 14 high school bands, Scout units and various community groups. That evening the seven Western lodges were hosts at a banquet for 75 outstanding Youth Leaders and Elks National Foundation Scholarship winners. The Old Town program was a most successful repetition of both events.

Borrowing a comment from the report made by Aurora, Colo., Lodge’s Youth Activities Committee Chairman Wm. D. Hansen, “We believe our purpose of observing National Youth Day has been fulfilled satisfactorily. It was fun!”

In making its selections from the hundreds of scrapbooks and brochures covering these Youth Day programs, the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee gave Honorable Mention to the following lodges: Corvallis, Ore., Ketchikan, Alaska, and San Diego, Calif., in Group I; Ambridge, Pa., Newport, R. I., and Texarkana, Ark., in Group II; Havre de Grace, Md., Hayward, Calif., and Martinsville, Va., in Group III.



As Governor of his State, Massachusetts Elk Christian A. Herter, seated left, signed the Youth Day Proclamation in the presence of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, seated right, and, standing left to right: State Youth Leaders Michael Dietz of Winthrop and Johanne E. Bennett, sponsored by Milton Lodge, State Youth Committee Chairman I. J. O’Connor and P.E.R.’s J. W. Bergin of Winthrop and J. F. Lynch of Milton.



# Grand Secretary Report

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aldson stated, "Perhaps we are not always selling Elkdsm properly to the new members, or indoctrinating them sufficiently in it. An impressive ceremony, an intelligent talk on the ideals and aims of our Order by a qualified speaker, the presentation of the booklet 'What It Means To Be An Elk' to every candidate,

## Dispensations

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James

Dispensation Granted	Name and Number of Lodge	Instituted
6- 5-54	Ephrata, Pa., No. 1933	6-22-54
6-14-54	Brookings, Ore., No. 1934	6-25-54
6-14-54	Coquille Valley (Coquille), Ore., No. 1935	6-26-54
6-15-54	Del-Mont (Ardmore), Pa., No. 1936	7-27-54
6-19-54	Long Beach, Wash., No. 1937	6-26-54
6-21-54	Parma, Ohio, No. 1938	7-31-54

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick

7-21-54	Branford, Conn., No. 1939	9-18-54
7-21-54	Darlington, S. C., No. 1940	9-13-54
7-26-54	Mahwah, N. J., No. 1941	8- 1-54
8-16-54	Amherst (Williamsville), N. Y., No. 1942	10- 3-54
8-31-54	Myrtle Creek, Ore., No. 1943	9-19-54
10-13-54	Cleveland, Tenn., No. 1944	11- 9-54
12-24-54	Dearborn, Mich., No. 1945	1-30-55
12-31-54	Mission, Kan., No. 1946	1-15-55
1-13-55	Liberal, Kan., No. 1947	2- 6-55
2- 2-55	Torrance, Calif., No. 1948	2-19-55
2- 2-55	Girard, Ohio, No. 1949	3- 6-55
2-10-55	Independence, Ore., No. 1950	3-19-55
2- 7-55	Meyersdale, Pa., No. 1951	2-20-55
2-14-55	Garden Grove, Calif., No. 1952	3-19-55
2-22-55	Pierre, S. D., No. 1953	3-29-55
2-28-55	Presque Isle, Me., No. 1954	3-30-55
2-28-55	Hightstown, N. J., No. 1955	3-20-55
2-28-55	Henderson, Nev., No. 1956	3-26-55
2-28-55	Casa Grande Valley (Casa Grande), Ariz., No. 1957	3-20-55
3- 2-55	Abilene, Tex., No. 562	3-20-55
3- 3-55	Park Forest-Chicago Heights (Chicago Heights), Ill., No. 1958	4-17-55
3- 7-55	Huntington Beach, Calif., No. 1959	3-26-55
3-16-55	Linden, N. J., No. 1960	3-27-55
3-16-55	Glendale, Ariz., No. 1961	3-27-55
3-17-55	Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., No. 1962	4-16-55
3-21-55	Durant, Okla., No. 1963	
3-29-55	Washington, Ga., No. 1964	
3-29-55	Hastings, Mich., No. 1965	4-24-55
4- 4-55	Shelby, Ohio, No. 1966	5-15-55
4- 4-55	West Deptford (Woodbury), N. J., No. 1968	
4-26-55	Cartersville, Ga., No. 1969	
5- 3-55	Tuscola, Ill., No. 1970	
5- 6-55	Ellenville, N. Y., No. 1971	
5- 9-55	Sweet Home, Ore., No. 1972	
5-11-55	Hamburg, N. Y., No. 1973	
5-13-55	Lake Wales, Fla., No. 1974	
5-19-55	Trona, Calif., No. 1975	
5-25-55	Fairfield, Calif., No. 1976	

## Special Note

At the time the 1954 Annual Report of the Grand Secretary went to press, four lodges, for which dispensations had been granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, had not been instituted. Dates of institution of these lodges were as follows:

Parker, Ariz., No. 1929	6-19-54
Moses Lake, Wash., No. 1930	6-10-54
Levittown, N. Y., No. 1931	6-14-54
Montgomery, W. Va., No. 1932	6-13-54

would all be helpful and beneficial.

"An endeavor should also be made to have the initiate become immediately active by an assignment that permits his participation in some activity of the lodge. We seem to have no difficulty in getting the prospect sufficiently interested to affiliate. We must devote more effort in an endeavor to see that he retains that interest."

## United States Securities

The Grand Lodge holds in its various funds United States Securities in the following amounts, at cost:

In the Reserve Fund.....	\$609,503.13
In the General Fund.....	200,000.00
In the Home Fund.....	180,000.00
Total	\$989,503.13

At the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees, United States Savings Bonds (Series "K") were sold in the amount of \$40,000. The receipts from the sale of

these bonds amounted to \$39,100, and this sum was deposited in the Home Fund bank account. A \$10,000 United States Series "K" Bond was bought for the Reserve Fund.

## Pension Plan

At the Los Angeles Session of the Grand Lodge last July, a Pension Plan for Grand Lodge employees was adopted. Last November, a contribution in the amount of \$23,302 was made to this Pension Fund. There has also been an accrual on the books of the Grand Lodge, as of May 31, 1955, in the amount of \$9,709.

## Finances

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$1,820,317.77; fixed assets are \$1,209,384.98 making the total assets of Grand Lodge \$3,029,702.75. The Grand Secretary reports that the total assets of Subordinate Lodges are \$254,444,605.55.

# Board of Grand Trustees

**I**MEDIATELY after the close of the Grand Lodge Convention last July, the Board of Grand Trustees met and organized by electing Fred L. Bohn as Chairman and Approving Member; Nick H. Feder as Vice-Chairman and Home Member; Arthur M. Umlandt as Secretary, and Ronald J. Dunn as Building Applications Member.

At the direction of the Grand Lodge, the Board of Grand Trustees presented suitable testimonials to retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James and retiring Member of the Board of Grand Trustees, Thomas J. Brady.

During the year the Board of Grand Trustees held meetings at the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va.; Hotel Commodore in New York; again at the Home in May, and will hold its final session at the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia during the Convention.

## Building Applications

The Board of Grand Trustees received 142 applications from subordinate lodges during the year, requesting approval to purchase, sell, make alterations or erect new buildings. Total amount of alterations approved by the Board of Grand Trustees, and concurred in by the Grand Exalted Ruler, was \$6,327,330.28. The Board approved the sale or exchange of property totaling \$933,001.

The 1954 Session of the Grand Lodge amended Section 208 of the Grand Lodge Statutes so that it now includes the provision that all leases for a term of more than five years be approved by the Board of Grand Trustees, and under this provision the Board approved six leases during the year.

## Elks National Home

Located in Bedford, Virginia, at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Elks National Home for aged members of the Order is one of our great institutions. "You, the members of our Fraternity, who have not visited this Home have missed seeing one of the truly great accomplishments of our Order," the Board stated in its Report. This Home is under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees and is 167 acres of farm land, recently appraised for more than two million dollars. It has a thirty-five bed hospital with complete medical equipment, and each resident has a private room with full freedom to occupy his time as he wishes.

Superintendent Thomas J. Brady is responsible for the actual operation of the Home, and in its Report the Board particularly expressed its appreciation of the splendid work he is doing. Brother Brady this year put through several outstanding improvements that have made the Home even more a hospitable haven for our aged Brothers.

In the year ending May 31st, the average number of residents in the Home was 291, as compared to 288 last year. Average cost per resident was \$687.97, representing a decrease from \$714.06 for the previous year. The Board reports that the net operating cost of the Home for the year was \$148,397.45, as compared to \$146,736.37 for the previous fiscal year.

This cost was arrived at after taking credit for maintenance payments by the subordinate lodges, as well as maintenance recoveries.



# "FREEDOM'S FACTS" Gives Sound Advice



The All-American Conference to Combat Communism, a group of 50 national organizations, including the B.P.O.E., is issuing a monthly bulletin called "Freedom's Facts" that is doing splendid informative work about

Communism. Here is a particularly fine excerpt from the June issue.

"A recent public opinion poll conducted under the auspices of the Fund for the Republic disclosed some interesting facts about Americans' attitudes toward communists.

"The poll showed that most people would throw a communist in jail, fire him as a teacher, and take away his citizenship. Only 27 per cent of the general public would permit a communist to speak in their community, while 51 per cent of community leaders would permit one to speak.

"At the same time, 87 per cent of the people said they had never known anyone they had suspected of being a com-

munist. The few who felt they had seen a communist gave their reasons for thinking as, "He was not like us"; "He was always talking about world peace," and similar comments.

"While the poll showed that most people would take much more drastic action against communists than the law allows, it also indicated that many have a poor understanding of the nature of communism. They are like the man at a two-day anti-communist meeting last year, who said, 'What's all the talking about? I decided I was against them after the first five minutes.' The danger is that some Americans who are opposed to communism might be talked into supporting Red causes because they are unfamiliar with both immediate and long-range objectives of the Party line, and with Red techniques of persuasion.

"Now that the communists are stepping up their propaganda and agitation activities, it is increasingly important to keep up to date on both long-range and short-range Party objectives and on current Party tactics. The better informed Americans are on this subject, the better are our chances of finally defeating communists both at home and abroad."



Northwest Airlines, in conjunction with Trans Canada Airlines, is offering Adventures to Banff and Lake Louise this summer. These special tours begin at Edmonton, end in Calgary and the cost for 10 days in addition to air travel fare is \$248.

From the number of requests for the Quality Courts Motel Guide we have received it appears that a great number of Elks on the way to the National Convention in Philadelphia plan to take advantage of the comfort and convenience of these motels. These member motels are conveniently located on all highways leading to Philadelphia and offer the traveler the utmost in cleanliness and comfort.

## CORRECTION

The following Congressmen were inadvertently omitted from our "Elks in Congress" pages in the June issue: Harley O. Staggers, charter member of Keyser, W. Va., Lodge; Thomas E. Martin, 25-year member of Iowa City, Ia., Lodge and Hugh Q. Alexander, member of Salisbury, N. C. Lodge.

Here's a tip for our Convention visitors in Philadelphia this month. If you hanker for seafood don't fail to visit Old Bookbinders on 125 Walnut Street where the best in seafood has been the tradition for generations. Take our word for it, your visit to Philadelphia will be incomplete unless you eat at least one lobster at Old Bookbinders.

Tickets for the Olympic Games in Australia this year from November 22nd to December 8th are now on sale through travel agents in this country. Admission varies with the events and seat location and run from 55 cents to \$11.25 for the full program.

If you plan to take in New York City on your Convention trip you will be happy to learn that the Meseck Line daily Long Island Sound cruises will be in operation again this summer. They begin on May 30th and sail from Battery Place in New York City at 9:45 a.m. and will touch Rye Beach and Playland in Westchester and on to Bridgeport Connecticut. Hudson River Saturday moonlight sails will also be resumed on June 11th for the summer.

Pan American World Airways advises us that Corregidor the "Rock" and Bataan

peninsula, both scenes of our Army's heroic stand against the Japanese in World War II, have been declared national shrines by the Philippine Government. Modesto Farolan, President of the Philippine Travel Association, is making every effort to have them available for visitors. Regular steamer service has been inaugurated between Manila and the "Rock". The air strip has been rebuilt and main roads repaired ready for this summer's visitors.

More and more of our travelers who visit New England are writing us to recommend Old Sturbridge Village—one of our best living museums. It is a typical country New England village as it might have appeared early in the 19th century. The fifty shops, mills, houses, churches, tavern and general store offer both a museum and a craft center where the visitor may learn about the life of his forefathers, of their arts, their skills and the products of their labors. Praise of the Village Inn here at Old Sturbridge is expressed by all who write us and all recommend it glowingly for atmosphere, food and comfort. Not too long a journey from Philadelphia, if you attend the Convention, so we suggest a visit to Old Sturbridge as part of your Eastern trip this year.

Going the other way? There's something new and unique for Mexico travelers this year—a "drive-your-own-car" package tour of Mexico City via Laredo or McAllen gateway into Mexico. Especially designed for two-week vacationers, it takes care of all their numerous and sundry arrangements up and down the Pan American Highway with hotel one night in Monterrey and six nights in Mexico City, plus car storage, sightseeing in and outside Mexico City with bonded English speaking guides and all tickets and entry fees to various points of interest and sightseeing trips. Prices range from \$36 to \$53 per person depending on basis of room occupancy. Write Sanborn's Laredo, McAllen, Texas—or us—for descriptive folder.

The Hawaiian Elks Post Convention tour will leave Philadelphia immediately following the close of the Convention on July 15th and on the 17th will be in the Paradise of the Pacific for a memorable and marvelous tour of the islands conducted by those who live there and know their islands. All are looking forward to the time of their lives.

## 1955 ANNUAL STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS

STATE	PLACE	DATE
Montana	Helena	July 29-30-31
Wisconsin	Wausau	Aug. 11-12-13
Dela., Md., D.C.	Hagerstown	Aug. 11-12-13-14
West Virginia	Charleston	Aug. 18-19-20
Pennsylvania	Harrisburg	Aug. 21-22-23-24
Virginia	Danville	Aug. 27-28-29-30
Tennessee	Memphis	Sept. 1-2-3
Colorado	Grand Junction	Sept. 22-23-24
*New Jersey	Long Branch	Sept. 26
California	San Diego	Oct. 4-5-6-7-8
*Georgia	Gainesville	Oct. 16-17
*Fall Meetings		





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## “The Devil was having wife trouble”

“**H**ERE I AM, twenty-four years old and what have I done?” he had once written. But he was 53, and his face, like his indomitable will, had become seared and toughened by years of Arctic struggle before he reached his ultimate goal.

On December 15, 1909, Robert E. Peary finally stood where no man had ever set foot:



North latitude 90°, longitude 0°. That day, he planted the American flag on the North Pole.

His return, afterward, to his base camp was so uneventful that one of his Eskimos explained it by saying the Devil must either have been asleep or having trouble with his wife.

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# The Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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to keynote Youth Activities the audience of over 300 included representative groups of 4-H Clubs, Y.W.C.A., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Little League. Present at the meeting were Governor Robert Meyner, Exalted Ruler Spencer R. Hawthorne, Mayor Horace A. Mills and District Deputies Thomas F. Brennan, Jr. and J. Francis Moroney. After the meeting a reception was held at Newton lodge, during which Mr. Jernick broadcast over radio station WNNJ. The reception was followed by a banquet at the Cochran House.

On April 18th, the Grand Exalted Ruler arrived in JACKSON, MISS., for a two-day visit to this state. He was met at the airport by a group including D.D. Culley, President of United Cerebral Palsy of Mississippi, who thanked Mr. Jernick for the work that the Elks of Mississippi are doing in this field. Mr. Jernick was presented to Mr. J. N. Tubbs, Superintendent of Education of Mississippi, at Mr. Tubbs' office in the State Office Building of Jackson. Mr. Tubbs expressed his interest and thanks for the activities of the Elks National Foundation in the cerebral palsy training program that is being developed in Mississippi.

After this visit, the Grand Exalted Ruler motored to VICKSBURG where he spoke to approximately 120 Elks at a special dinner meeting. His message was carried over Station WQBC from Vicksburg; and following the dinner a class of thirteen, ten from Vicksburg lodge and three from Natchez, was initiated.

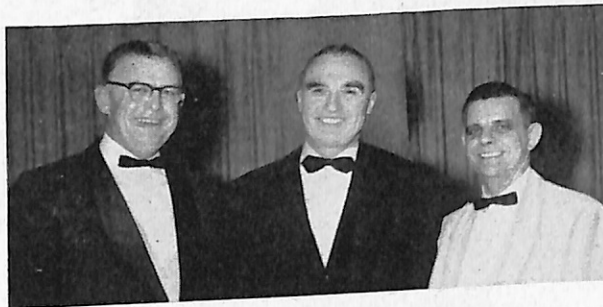
The next day Mr. Jernick motored to HATTIESBURG, and after visiting this lodge, spoke at a luncheon meeting before the Civic Clubs of this city. More than 150 were present at this luncheon, the arrangements for which were made by Past District Deputy Sam Miller. After the luncheon the Grand Exalted Ruler motored to GULFPORT, and gave a five-minute interview over Station WCCM. That evening he was at BILOXI for a banquet at which members and their wives from Biloxi, Pascagoula and Gulfport lodges were present. Mr. Jernick's talk was broadcast over Station WVMI.

On April 23rd, the Grand Exalted Ruler was in ENGLEWOOD, N. J., for a dinner attended by Mayor W. Gerould and 150 others. Toastmaster for the occasion was Trustee C. W. Floyd Coffin with Past Exalted Ruler David C. Lurie making the presentation to Mr. Jernick and Exalted Ruler George F. Bauscher presenting a gift for Mrs. Jernick. Past Exalted Ruler Harry H. Smith was chairman of this dinner at which speakers included District Deputy Leo B. Bicher Jr.; William Schram, President of the Northeast District; Council President Albert Moskin and Matthew J. Coyle, Secretary to the Grand Exalted Ruler.

On April 27th, approximately 850 were present at NEWARK, N. J., for a dinner given by all the lodges of New Jersey in honor of the Grand Exalted Ruler. Among those attending were: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan, Reverend Monsignor James J. Owens, Leo P. Carlin, Mayor of Newark and Robert B. Meyner, Governor of New Jersey. District Deputy James J. Foley was chairman of the event. Other members of the committee were District Deputies Hotaling, Bicher, Moroney, Brennan and Williams, Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities member Joe Bader, and State Associations Committee member Lou Spine.

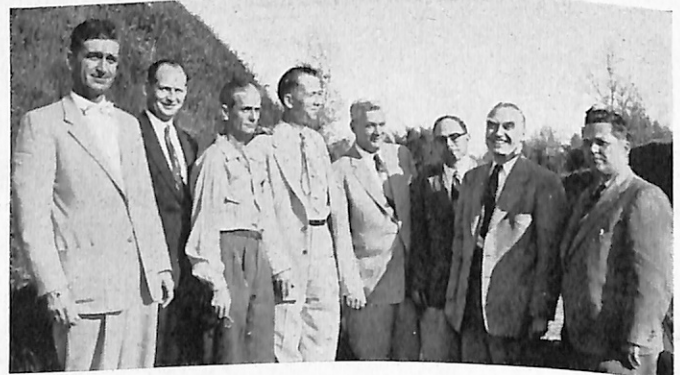
Matt J. Coyle, Secretary to Mr. Jernick, was toastmaster.

The next day the Grand Exalted Ruler was in DIXON, ILL., to attend a banquet. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, member of Dixon lodge, was toastmaster for the evening and Exalted Ruler Howard F. Lieber extended a welcome to all present. Mr. Warner introduced Mayor William Slothower; Dr. John Walsh, Mayor of Amboy and visiting Elks and their ladies from Mendota, Galena, De Kalb, Sycamore and Sterling lodges. After this meeting the Grand Exalted Ruler left for WICHITA to attend a meeting of the Kansas Elks Association.



At the time the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Mt. Vernon, Ill., to dedicate the new lodge home present at the ceremonies were, left to right, District Deputy Ray L. Tibbs, Mr. Jernick and Exalted Ruler Gilbert N. Wood.

When the Grand Exalted Ruler motored to Vicksburg, Miss., he was met at the outskirts of the city by the Mayor and Lodge members. The police escorted Mr. Jernick to the city, where he was presented to Miss Hospitality by Mayor Kelly.



Left to right when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Topeka, Kans., lodge were: Judge McElhenny, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Mr. Jernick, Judge Heinz and Judge Johnson. All three judges are members of Topeka lodge and judges of Shawnee County Court.

On May 26th, Mr. Jernick made the first visit of a Grand Exalted Ruler to Lambertville, N.J., lodge. Present left to right were: Mayor Harry Shepherd, P.E.R. William Wicks, Mr. Jernick, E.R. Nicholas P. Nanni, Esteemed Leading Knight William Rock, and Walter Meseroll, V. P. So. Central Dist. of N. J.





## For Elks Who Travel

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dians at every turn. The Continental Divide runs right through the park, which is considered by many the most beautiful of our Western parks.

Park Headquarters is at West Entrance Station, and spread out near the end of Lake McDonald are some lovely cabins that look out to the water and up to the Garden Wall, a collection of mountains and glaciers. Going-to-the-Sun Highway, a contraction for a much-complicated Indian term, splits the Park, and conveys the traveler across Logan Pass at 6,664 feet, past Rising Sun Mountain to St. Mary. A nine-mile run outside the park leads to Babb and then westward to the delightful locale known as Many Glaciers. Here on the shores of Swiftcurrent Lake, looking up at the snowy mountains, sits a rustic hotel. Along the adjoining slopes sit big horn sheep, mountain goat and other strange types, all readily visible through the glasses, and on occasion, at close-hand view. Glacier lilies bloom in profusion where there were snowfields short weeks before, the aspens shimmer, and the evergreens, tall and silent types, seem the very symbol of everything you ever dreamed about the northwest. All told there are sixty glaciers in them thar hills, four of them visible from the roads, and I don't think you ought to take off over the crags looking for more. They still ski in Glacier every Fourth of July, air conditioned hotels are not exactly necessary, and as silly as it may seem as you sit at home with summer dew on your brow, better pack one thick sweater.

## Can We Compromise With Red China?

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treason as a result of his attempt to step into Stalin's shoes; and there was none when, after gigantic photographs of Malenkov, as Stalin's heir, were hung on the main buildings in Peiping and cheered in Chinese Communist parades, they had to be hauled down when Malenkov "confessed" publicly to "incompetency," and Krushchev moved up into the number one spot with the Soviet political-military general Bulganin named as Premier for domestic window dressing purposes.

All talk of the likelihood of Mao Tse-tung's becoming another Tito in revolt against Soviet pressures, or of persuading him or any part of his Communist hierarchy to look to the West for economic, moral or military support, is pure, unadulterated nonsense. No hasheesh smoker in his wildest dreams, with any reasonable knowledge of Chinese Communist background, would dream anything quite as unreal as this.

Even mere co-existence by Communist and non-Communist countries, as understood by citizens of the Western democracies to mean live-and-let-live, is pro-

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hibited by Communist doctrine. And all agreements, all pledges, all proclamations to the contrary made by Communists in China, the Soviet Union, or elsewhere, are merely tactical maneuvers designed to break down non-Communist vigilance and resistance and pave the way for Communist aggression and subversion.

The Chinese Communist program, as Mao Tse-tung has unequivocally stated it, is based on the doctrine and programs of Marx and Lenin. On the subject of coalition governments, in which Communist and non-Communist parties would participate jointly, Lenin, in his "State and Revolution," quotes Karl Marx thus: The Communist revolution (in every country) must "concentrate *all the forces of destruction* against the State, and regard the problem as one not of perfecting the machinery of the State, but of *breaking up and annihilating it.*" The italics are Lenin's own.

What Marx makes clear, according to Lenin, is that "The working class must break up, shatter the available ready machinery of the State, and not confine itself to merely taking possession of it." Not only in England and the United States, but everywhere. It is utterly ridiculous, according to Marx, Lenin, and Mao Tse-tung, to think of persuading people to become Communists, or to try to achieve Communism by parliamentary means. It must be accomplished by force, by brainwashing, and by shattering the existing government of the State.

Several things, therefore, should long since have become quite clear to Western statesmen in their dealings with both Peiping and Moscow: That any coalition government in which the Communists have Cabinet or departmental posts, is doomed to extinction. That in countries which the Communists have split asunder, such as Germany, Korea, Vietnam—unification will be permitted by the Communists only under a plan whereby separate elections, not national, will be held in the Communist and non-Communist areas.

That is to say, the Communist sectors would elect their own representatives to a "coalition" parliament by the usual one-party and one-candidate method in which the voters' choice is limited to a safe "Yes," or a "No" that would be their passport to a slave-labor mine in Siberia. Commitments would be demanded in advance for specific Cabinet posts for Communist-area appointees, probably including that of Minister of the Interior which controls the domestic police. Remembering that the Communists have no interest whatever in improving the machinery of the State, only in annihilating it—this is a first step toward that end.

Similarly, Communists possess total disinterest in any plan, in Communist areas or elsewhere, for local plebiscites to determine the wishes of the people with regard to the kind of government they might like to have. Self determina-

## JUDGE MCFARLAND HONORED BY LAW ASSOCIATES



Past Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland was honored recently by twenty-one fellow members of the Codington County Bar Association by a testimonial dinner, held at the Watertown, S. D., Elks Lodge, of which Judge McFarland is a member. Speakers at the dinner cited Judge McFarland's long record of public service, all of which has been spent in Watertown, and his 50 years of distinguished law practice. In 1913, 1915 and 1917, he served in the South Dakota Legislature. He is a former President of the Codington County Bar Association, as well as the State Bar of

South Dakota, and also was Chairman of the Board of Appeals, Selective Service, during the war. Included at the dinner in the photograph above were, from left to right: Hon. Daniel K. Loucks, President of The State Bar of South Dakota; Hon. C. K. Snyder, Past Exalted Ruler of Watertown Lodge; Hon. John H. Hanten, President of the Codington County Bar Association and a Past Exalted Ruler of Watertown Lodge; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Judge McFarland; and Hon. W. W. Knight, Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, who lives at Brookings but is a member of Watertown Lodge.

tion is regarded by Communist dialectic as oppression of minorities by majorities, and they will have none of it. Communists believe in force, and force only, exercised by a dynamic minority. In Communist eyes, a parliament serves no useful function. It is merely a debating society. It must be destroyed, not improved. These, again, are not mere observations about Communist intentions. They are the principles, declarations and unrelenting programs of the Communist leaders themselves, past and present, expressed in their own words and deeds.

**S**O FAR AS COMMUNIST relations with other nations are concerned, Lenin had this to say, to which Mao Tse-tung, as we have seen, subscribes fully: "International imperialism (meaning Western democracy) could under no possible circumstances, under no possible conditions, live side by side with the Soviet republic. A conflict is inevitable. Ultimately one or the other must conquer. Meanwhile a number of terrible clashes between the Soviet republic and the bourgeois states is inevitable.

Did Lenin mean that the democracies would attack their Communist neighbors? Not at all, for he says clearly and unmistakably: "The victory of socialism (Communism) is possible, first in a few or even in one single capitalist country taken separately. The victorious proletariat would rise against the rest of the capitalist world, raise revolts against the capitalists, and come out with armed forces against their states."

In order that there might be no misunderstanding about the nature of Communism and its program, not merely for

any one country but for all countries, Karl Marx in his "Communist Manifesto" summed up the Communist creed in these words: "The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communist revolution."

There were many in Europe and the Americas who refused to believe that Japan's "Tanaka Memorial," a blueprint for Japanese aggression, first revealed in the mid twenties, needed to be taken seriously. There were many who were equally convinced, ten years later, that Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was merely a piece of political party propaganda to persuade the German voter to cast his ballot for the super-patriots of the Nazi party, and nothing for us to worry about. There are many now who are similarly inclined to indulge in wishful thinking and day-dreaming about Communism, who tell us that the Communists do not mean what they say when they threaten to destroy us, and mean what they seem to say when they make vague pronouncements about world peace, co-existence, and relieving tensions.

In their own words, Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse-tung condemn democracy as synonymous with capitalist imperialism, and declare it must be destroyed not only in Asia and Europe, but in the United States as well. As a tactical maneuver they have appropriated the word "democracy" and represent their totalitarian regimes as "democracies" to confuse the unwary. When someone talks to us about "democracy" we automatically



think in terms of our own ideas of democracy that we learned at home, at school, and in church. We assume that the speaker is using the word in our sense.

This lowers our sales resistance so that, when a Communist speaker appeals for unity of democratic countries, on as vital an issue as disarmament, for example, the unsuspecting among us are inclined to believe that the same goodwill exists on the other side as on ours. It does not. It cannot, because the entire Communist apparatus, Chinese as well as Russian, is dedicated not to co-existence with capitalism, but to its obliteration.

This dedication to the annihilation of all non-Communist governments and social systems, including that of the United States, is expressed in the reasoning indulged in by Lenin, with which present day Communist leaders in Moscow and Peiping fully concur. It is, in Lenin's own words: "Unevenness of economic and political development is the inflexible law of capitalism. It follows from this that the victory of Socialism may come originally in a few capitalist countries or even in a single capitalist country. The victorious proletariat of that country, having expropriated the capitalists and having organized Socialist production at home, would rise against the remaining capitalist world, drawing to itself in the process the oppressed classes of other countries."

Lenin did not believe, nor do the present day Communist leaders in Russia and China believe, that capitalism will simply perish of its own accord. They take it for granted that a final push will have to be given by a revolutionary proletariat movement from within a country under Communist hot or cold assault, assisted by Communist forces from without. In this way, Chinese Communists with Russian assistance took physical control of the China mainland. Korean Communists with Chinese Communist assistance, equipped and trained by Red Chinese and Russians, augmented by Red Chinese troops, attacked South Korea. And Viet-minh Communists, aided by both Russians and Chinese Reds, invaded Vietnam in Indochina. All this in total disregard of the United Nations, and some of it in actual combat with the United Nations of which the Soviet Union is a member in "good standing."

The 1955 Communist "peace offensive" was launched with customary goodwill salutations at the Bandung, Indonesia, conference of twenty-nine African and Asian countries in April of this year.

## How Green Was My Valet

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and high school. He wished that he could get a good look at her, although he knew very well that no matter what her appearance she'd look lovely to him. Cash money had been known to mesmerize Florian more than once.

Mr Slappey was a confirmed misogy-

Previous ones, like the fraudulent "Stockholm Peace Petition," which demanded that our country strip itself of its most vital defenses, fooled millions of loyal Americans into lending their signatures to it only five years ago.

The Russians in Europe and the Communist Chinese in Asia have violated every agreement made with them by the West. They hold our innocent and helpless fellow citizens in their prisons and slave camps in defiance of all laws of civilized conduct. They are guilty of unprovoked aggression against peaceful neighboring states. They have declared, openly, their intention to destroy us. It is in this context that Communist offers of compromise and co-existence must be viewed.

A climate of fear, brought on by the development of atom, cobalt and hydrogen weapons, pervades the United Nations collectively and individually. The atom bomb, which measured its destructive potential in equivalents of kilotons (thousands of tons of high explosive), has been superseded in magnitude by the hydrogen bomb, the power of which is registered in megatons (millions of tons of TNT); and by the cobalt bomb, whose fall-out can play world-wide havoc as its death-dealing radioactive particles move uncontrolled through the atmosphere on prevailing winds. And no one has yet guessed what amount of genetic damage any one of them may do to generations still unborn. The very phrase "Third World War," because of the nature of these weapons of incalculable destruction that would be used in it, strike terror into the minds and hearts of all civilized peoples.

We are confronted, nevertheless, with a choice of only one of two alternatives, neither of which would necessarily require the use of massive nuclear weapons nor bring us into a Third World War. And yet, even if that were the ultimate and terrible result, we are fortunate that the choice is still in our own hands.

The first is to continue to compromise with the Communist world, giving way to it on the installment plan, until we become so weakened that our physical and moral defenses collapse and we fulfill the slave destiny planned for us by Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse-tung. The other is to refuse to continue to rely as we have done in the past on worthless Communist pledges and agreements, and resolutely begin to reverse the process of Communist erosion no matter at what cost, or what sacrifice it might entail.

nist. He was also in dire financial straits. He was destitute, indigent, penniless and otherwise broke. He gave attention to the conversation which was continuing in the other office.

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"How come?"

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"Tha's admirable," stated Chew. "I admire your attitude, Mis' Butts. I'll open an account fo' you in one of the city's finest banks. And no one will ever learn from me that you is rollin' in dough. Now, tell me, has you got any immedjit plans?"

"Nossuh. I has got me a room at Sally Crouch's Cozy Home Hotel fo' Colored. Maybe some day . . ." She emitted a long sigh. "I been thinkin' that some day another man might come into my life to look after me an' my money . . ."

That was all Florian needed. He tiptoed into the hall, descended to the street floor and walked into Bud Peaglar's Barbecue Lunch Room & Billiard Parlor where he seated himself at the counter and stared raptly into a dazzling future.

Bud watched warily. Florian was on his books for more than the lopsided proprietor liked, but they were friends and if there was one thing Mr Peaglar hated more than another it was the spectacle of a buddy slowly expiring of malnutrition.

Usually, Mr Slappey tried to wheedle a few eatments on credit, but now he didn't even try. That aroused Bud's curiosity.

"Florian," he ventured at length, "You look as though you was waitin' fo' somebody to help you."

"Huh?" Mr Slappey brought himself back to the immediate present. "No, Bud, I a'ready been helped."

"Hongry?" asked Bud, knowing that he was leading with his chin.

"Uh . . . well, I aint rightly shuah."

Now Mr Peaglar was really worried. He hurriedly dished up a bowl of succulent Brunswick stew, concocted a barbecue sandwich, drew a cup of steaming coffee and shoved the array under Florian's nose.

"On the house," he said magnanimously.

Mr Slappey ate mechanically. His usual gusto was lacking. His eye was on distant horizons. What he had overheard in the attorney's office was incredibly wonderful. Lawyer Chew was rigidly bound by legal ethics and a legal wife: He wouldn't talk. No one else in Birmingham knew, or would know, that into their midst had come a shy, wealthy, fairly young widow, who desired nothing more than to spend the rest of her days among the folks she had been brought up with.

One thousand dollars per month! It was a fantastic. What couldn't Florian do with that much money? Luxurious

wardrobe, sports cars, rich food and plenty of it. And he'd be good to his wife, too. Yassuh! for that amount of money, she'd deserve it.

Enthused by his solitary knowledge of this gold mine, Florian instantly and unanimously decided on a whirlwind courtship. He wouldn't reveal to Lorena Butts that he knew she was loaded. But . . . and there the first fly dropped spang into Florian's ointment . . . to conduct that kind of courtship he would require money.

Aside from the clothes on his back and two other suits hanging in the closet of his room at the boarding house run by Sis Callie Flukers, Florian possessed but one tangible asset.

He still had, and cherished, that gorgeous, magnificent suitcase, said to be worth \$75, which he had won on a quiz show. He hadn't used it for the simple reason that a suitcase, no matter how elegant, is useless if you have nowhere to go and no money to go there with.

Yes, he could pawn it. From Semore Mashby he'd get maybe fifteen dollars if he was lucky, and that kind of money wasn't going to get him anywhere with a wealthy widow. He needed to shower her with attention, to dazzle her with new raiment.

**H**E CHECKED off the list of friends from whom he might borrow. Time was when the list had been extensive, now it was non-existent. Every friend with two dollars had already loaned one of those dollars to Florian.

But somewhere in the vast reaches of the Alabama metropolis there must be someone who would grubstake him. Unfortunately, he couldn't outline his plan because to do so would be to ruin it. He must raise money on his own ingenuity.

Names, names, names. They flashed across Mr Slappey's mind only to be discarded. And then the big idea hit him. An idea so grotesque as to be possible.

He decided to approach Mr Novocaine Williams.

Try as he might, Florian could think of no person whom he detested as thoroughly as he did Novocaine. The man was a comparative newcomer in town, he had joined The Sons & Daughters of I Will Arise, and even had insinuated himself into the weekly sessions of the Full House Poker Club.

Novocaine had money. He lived alone in a fine, rented, furnished house. He drove a comparatively new car. He dressed well and ate lavishly at the best places. Of course Florian more than suspected how Novocaine made his living. His luck at the poker table was bound to be more than luck.

What Mr Williams had been christened, Florian didn't know. He had flourished briefly as a boxer and then as a third-rate wrestler, and had acquired the *nom de guerre* of Novocaine because of his propensity for deadening his op-

ponents. And that Florian didn't doubt. Mr Williams weighed 180 pounds, much of which was muscle. But unlike many muscular gents, Novocaine had brain. What he touched turned to money. Maybe if he touched Mr Slappey . . . Florian shuddered. In that case, he felt, he would not turn to money but to jelly.

But Florian was desperate and so he went to call on Mr Williams. He tried to be his customary jaunty, debonair self. And, alone with Novocaine, he launched his attack. He said, "I di'n't like how you played poker the other night at Lawyer Chew's house."

Mr Williams seemed faintly amused. "So . . . ?" he remarked. "What was wrong?"

"Ev'rything. You an' Epic Peters was the on'y two left in the pot. You was the dealer. Him an' you bofe had drawed one card. That meant you was each trying to fill a flush, a straight or a full house. Or else that one of you had three of a kind an' was holding a kicker.

"I seen yo' cards, Novocaine. I peeked over yo' shoulder after the draw. You had aces full over sixes. That's a plumb sizzlin' hand. Epic bets a measley two dollars, an' what do you do? You th'ow in your hand. You say you know your two pairs aint no good. Well, it sho' wasn't. Nor neither your ace-full wasn't no good, because Epic had four nines. But you knowed it, Novocaine. Otherwise you'd have raised three-four times and then called."

Novocaine asked innocently. "How could I know what Epic Peters was holdin'?"

"How could you know? Don't gimme that stuff, fella. You knowed all right. You know ev'y good hand just as quick as the other player does: maybe quicker. You been takin' them gemmun for a heap of money ev'y week. Now if they was to suspect the truth . . ."

"Fellers that talk like that to me don't stay very healthy."

"Shuh! I aint too healthy to start with."

Novocaine settled his huge, squat frame in his chair. "You come to see me fo' somethin', Florian," he stated. "What is it?"

"I want to borry six hundred dollars cash. I wont pay it back for maybe six months. But when I do, you'll git one hund'ed percent interest."

"Just a minute, Florian. Us got to keep this thing businesslike. Post-dated checks aint nothin' mo' than promissory notes. If they bounced, I could sue you, but I couln't have you th'owed in the Big Rock. So we got to have a consideration."

Mr Williams wrote something on a paper and then went to a tin box and extracted a bit of jewelry. "Heah's the consideration, Florian. I'm sellin' it to you fo' twelve hund'ed dollars. This paper that bofe of us will sign describes it. It says it's a di'mond ring of genuine rolled gold, an' that the stone is less than



two karats. an' also that it is guaranteed to be off color and warranted to contain flaws. "Tween you an' I. it aint worth fifty dollars. But Ise givin' it to you, an' that makes ev'ythin' legal. Now, if you is satisfied, sign these three checks an' the sale contract, take this money . . ." Novocaine ostentatiously placed twelve crisp new fifty dollar bills on the table " . . . an' git the hell out of heah."

Mr Slappey needed no urging. He affixed his signatures, grabbed the tawdry ring, said Goodbye and rushed out of the house before Novocaine Williams could have a chance to reconsider.

The normal Florian would have known that he must have been dealt a hand from a cold deck. But he was too happy to worry. Next January, February and March were far distant. By that time he'd have swept Lorena Butts off her feet, and she would long since have become Mrs Florian Slappey. He'd deposit twelve hundred dollars to his account in the First National. A trivial sum, really. Something Lorena wouldn't even miss. Maybe she'd give him five times that much for a wedding present.

Oh! the future was bright and glorious. So it was perhaps fortunate that Florian could not see Novocaine Williams at that particular moment.

Mr Williams was smiling. He, too, was looking into the future. He had Florian where he wanted him. He could spring the trap at a moment of his own choosing . . . and Novocaine was a patient and merciless man.

What Novocaine had done was simplicity itself. The checks that Florian had signed were dated January, February and March all right. But what Florian had failed to notice was the year.

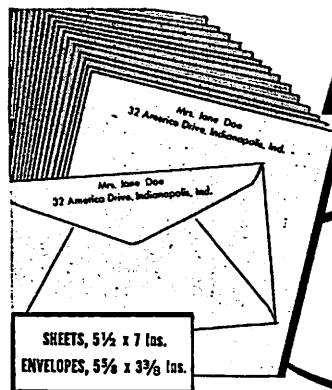
With all the talk of post-dating, Florian had taken for granted that the checks were for the upcoming year: 1956. But they weren't. They were dated 1955. They could be offered for collection any day now. They'd bounce and bounce hard. Florian would be guilty of a statutory offense, and Novocaine Williams would control his destiny. He could bend Florian to his will or toss him in jail just as he pleased.

That he intended to put the screws to Florian went without saying. But first he intended to find out what Mr Slappey had in mind. If it was very good, Novocaine could step in and grab all profits. If it wasn't financially sound he could use Florian Slappey as an unwilling ally.

"I got Mistuh Slappey where I want him," he told the empty room. "Time I finish with him he's gwine wish he'd never been borned. Or me either, for that matter."

Florian now embarked blithely upon the courtship of Lorena Butts. He found her acting as wallflower at the Saturday night dance of The Sons & Daughters of I Will Arise. He was introduced and thereafter it was like shooting fish in a barrel.

Actually, Lorena wasn't too hard to



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take. She was quiet, shy, wistful and eager for honest affection. Florian liked her, and she liked Florian. He swept Lorena onto the dance floor and started to gyrate, only to apply the brakes swiftly when he learned that her technique was of another decade.

No other gentlemen cut in on Florian, which was quite all right with him. He had a clear field and was making the most of it. Lawyer Chew regarded him reflectively, but finally cataloged Florian's interest as one of Mr Slappey's major eccentricities. It never occurred to him that Florian had listened in on his original conversation with the fair lady whose late lamented spouse had left her oil royalties approximating one thousand dollars a month.

Only one other person in the Lodge rooms was interested in Florian. That was the short, stocky Novocaine Williams. Mr Williams knew that Florian was the Beau Brummel of the dancing crowd, he observed that a goodly portion of his \$600 loan had been spent in new clothes for Mr Slappey. And now he watched Florian devote himself exclusively to the rather nice-looking and unexciting woman who was chaperoned by the Evans Chews. Mr Williams did some thinking and started his investigations. He had a hunch that he had been privileged to look in on the beginnings of Florian's financial scheme.

The dazzled Mrs Butts tried to shove Florian off on other dancing partners. Mr Slappey shook his head. "You is a real slick chick, Lorena," he told her. "I aint got no time to waste on them cool cuties who don't never think of nobody but themselves."

He was obvious but not too obvious. He was gallant but not fulsome. By the end of the evening he had her dated up for several nights during the next week.

Came then rides in automobiles which were rented or borrowed, florist flowers, candy, trips to the movies, dancing at Blue Lake Park. He never mentioned finance. Once, when shrewdly cross-examined by Lawyer Chew, he stated blandly that he just natchelly liked Lorena.

"You se'ious about her, Florian?"

"Shuh! Did you ever know me to be se'ious 'bout any gal?"

So much for that. He hadn't said Yes, he hadn't said No, he hadn't said Maybe. When the time was ripe, he could take steps. Meanwhile he was sitting pretty.

And he stayed that way for two weeks. During that time Novocaine Williams had been writing letters. Slowly, inevitably, the trail of inquiry led back to Lorena's marriage to the late Mr Butts, then to Oklahoma, then back to Birmingham again. And finally Novocaine knew the answer, or enough of it to warrant direct action. Lorena Butts possessed lots of money and, as Novocaine told a friend, "Money is the fondest thing I is of."

The following morning Novocaine summoned Florian to his home. His muscular

frame was encased in a gaudy robe, relic of his wrestling days. He smiled with false geniality and said, "I jest wanted to say goodbye, Florian."

"Goodbye? What kind of foolishment you talkin', Novocaine? I aint going nowhere."

"Oh yes, you is."

"Where to?"

"Jail."

Mr Slappey emitted an impolite sound. "Quit yo' funnin', Brother Williams. Whaffo' I should get locked up?"

"Bad checks." Novocaine produced them. "Them three you give me."

"Be yo'se'f, Tough Boy. Them checks aint even due yet."

"Oh no?" Novocaine showed Florian the bank notations indicating that he had no account at the First National. He also showed him the dates: 1955. Mr Slappey uttered a howl of protest.

He knew, however, that he was hooked. He felt like a man who had jumped into a hole, and pulled the hole in after him.

**H**E INFORMED Novocaine that he intended to seek counsel. He stormed out of the house and visited Lawyer Evans Chew. That erudite attorney listened to Florian's story, but his opinion was on the pessimistic side.

"Leave us face it, Brother Slappey," he stated. "You has been outsmarted. This heah Novocaine Williams has got plenty brains. He's got you where he wants you. It's my opinion that under the law of this noble an sov'ign State of Alabama you is gwine find yo'se'f in durance vile, or even viler than that."

Mr Slappey dragged himself back to Mr Williams' rented residence. Novocaine was purring like a contented cat before a bowl of cream. There was some preliminary conversation during which Florian's position became more and more hopeless. He said desperately, "Look, Novocaine: It aint gwine do you a speck of good to have me th'owed in jail."

"Iha's right, Florian. So instead of that, Ise gwine give you a choice. Either I turns these checks over to the p'lice, or you go to work for me."

Novocaine lighted a huge cigar, made himself comfortable in a chair and dictated his terms.

At first, Florian couldn't credit the evidence of his hearing. The thing that Novocaine was calling an alternative was so unthinkable, so outrageous, so cataclysmic, as to be beyond belief. In brief, it was this:

Florian was to move into the Williams home, bag and baggage. He was to become Novocaine's valet, butler, chauffeur and maid-of-all-work. He was to dress in livery which Novocaine planned to buy for him, second-hand. He was to be addressed merely as "Slappey," and he was to call Novocaine "Mistuh Williams, suh." He was to eschew all his old friends, abandon his carefree habits, forfeit his dignity and otherwise permit himself to be trod upon.

His shriek of protest was piercing but fruitless. It was that, or else. And so, late that afternoon Florian mournfully packed his belongings into two suitcases—one of them the gorgeous \$75 one he had won in a contest—and bade a tearful farewell to his landlady. During those hours he had thought of approaching Lorena Butts for a loan of \$1,200, but something Novocaine had said deterred him: "Right now," stated Mr Williams, "I woul'n't take yo' money. I got bigger an' better ideas."

Florian entered the room allotted to him and unpacked miserably. In the middle of it, Novocaine strolled in.

He spied the magnificent \$75 suitcase, and proceeded to dump its contents on the floor and appropriate it.

"Ise takin' this, Slappey. It's too good fo' any valet. I'll credit it on yo' account."

Florian dropped into a chair and buried his face in his hands. He was in the nethermost depths of despond. He had been stripped of all that was worthwhile in life. That final touch of taking his new suitcase had merely lent emphasis to a horrible situation.

And so, steeped in agony, Florian Slappey embarked upon the most terrible ordeal of his career. Within twenty-four hours, word was bruited about the city, and that meant that Florian had been robbed of his last and most precious asset: his pride.

Three nights later Novocaine gave an elaborate dinner party. Distrusting Florian's cooking, he hired someone to prepare the dinner, and that put Florian on public display for the first time.

Decked out in butler's regalia, Florian stood rigidly at the front door. The guests started arriving. With each arrival Florian bawled his announcement: "Lawyer an' Mis' Evans Chew . . . Mistuh Jasper de Void . . . Dr an' Mis' Lijah Atcherson . . ." and on and on and on, until finally came the ultimate touch, "Mis' Lorena Butts . . ."

Florian's old friends tried to chat with him, but Mr Slappey had been taught what to reply: "Sorry, suh. I aint permitted to hol' conversation with the guesses."

During the evening Lorena Butts made a stab at being sympathetic. She said, "Florian, this is terrible. What happen?"

"Disaster jes' backed up against me an' pushed."

Lorena, a truly kindly person, placed a hand on Florian's arm. "Look, Mistuh Slappey," she said. "I think you is one of the nicest men I ever knowed. I never took se'ious that you was courtin' me, but tords you I feel like as though you was my brother. So if you is doin' this awful thing on account you requires some money . . ."

Mr Slappey thanked her, and said No, it wasn't just a matter of money, but with her frank declaration his last forlorn hope went glimmering. Now he knew that he had squandered the borrowed



\$600 on an investment that wouldn't have paid off anyway.

To make matters worse, Novocaine now laid siege to the citadel of Lorena's heart. No question about it, he could be attractive when he set out to be. A pleasant personality, assumed or shed at will, had long been his stock in trade. Within four short weeks Mr Williams apparently had Lorena Butts completely dazzled.

NEVER once did Mr Slappey abandon his determination to exact vengeance. He had explored a thousand ideas, only to discard each before it was thoroughly developed. But slowly and surely a plan was born. It could be handled so that Novocaine would not suspect that Florian had conceived it. And so on one of Mr Slappey's few days off, he hopped a train and made a quick trip to Montgomery where he contacted a gentleman of his acquaintance named Wilbur Jackson who had resided several years in Oklahoma and Texas and who bore the soubriquet "Cowboy."

Cowboy Jackson was an impressive hunk of man. He was well over six feet in height, weighed 210 pounds and was phenomenally powerful. He, too, had wrestled professionally, he, too, knew what to do in a physical emergency. And, what was most important, he owed Florian a debt of gratitude. It was a trifling thing that had occurred a couple of years since when Mr Jackson was visiting in Birmingham. He had found himself on the horns of a dilemma, and Florian got him off before he was completely gored. Furthermore, Mr Slappey straightened things out after Cowboy Jackson fled town so there was no danger of an aftermath, and all Mr Slappey would accept was a simple Thank You.

Cowboy almost smothered Florian with his enthusiasm. He listened attentively to Mr Slappey's lengthy tale of woe. At its conclusion, Cowboy declared that he was returning forthwith to Birmingham with the avowed intention of rendering Novocaine Williams utterly and completely hors de combat.

"Ise gwine ruin him," he roared. "I'll tear him lamb from lamb."

"Nossuh, Cowboy." Florian spoke gently. "What I got in mind fo' you aint nothin' like that. It's somethin' you will enjoy doin'." I wisht I had the money to pay fo' it . . ."

"I'll do the payin', Brother Slappey. I aint got much, but I got that much. You jes' give yo' orders."

Florian explained his scheme. First, and most importantly, it was based on the premise that Florian and Cowboy Jackson had never met. Mr Jackson was to cultivate the folks in Birmingham, he was to witness Florian's constant ignominy . . . and he was to keep his resentment to himself.

But there were two things he was to do. One: He was to play poker with Novocaine Williams and keep his eyes peeled

for evidence of crookedness. Secondly, he was to pay court to Lorena Butts, exerting all his virile charm. Florian told him the truth about Lorena's affluence.

"What you gwine git out of this, Brother Slappey?"

"Revenge. Gobs of revenge. Take Lorena away fum Novocaine, prove him a crooked card player . . . an', Brother, he'll be long gone fum Bumminham."

Within a half week Mrs Lorena Butts became acquainted with a tall, handsome stranger. Cowboy Jackson moved right in on her, and he made it stick. He exuded charm, radiated devotion, talked her language and shared her background. Lorena flourished.

This was the third man who had courted her in less than no time at all. It was a new experience and an exciting one. She was acquiring confidence in herself, and with that confidence, she developed a unique charm. Within a fortnight Cowboy Jackson informed Florian frankly that he was vastly intrigued with Lorena.

"Taint jes' the money either, Florian. I aint never befo' met no gal I went fo' so hard."

Florian wished him luck. He merely made it clear that he didn't want Lorena short-changed in any matrimonial deal.

During all this time Cowboy Jackson and Novocaine Williams were assiduously courting the delighted Lorena Butts. And three times Cowboy Jackson sat in on sessions of the Full House Poker Club at which Novocaine was also a guest. After one of these meetings he reported to Florian that he believed he had the deadwood on Novocaine. Mr Slappey urged caution. "Don't want to move too sudden, Cowboy. Novocaine might up an' leave town with Lorena an' my th'ee bad checks. That woul'n't be good fo' me, fo' her or fo' you."

So time passed and eventually Novocaine conceived the idea of a backyard barbecue.

Novocaine never made a move without a motive. First, he wanted to insure his place in Birmingham's dusky society, secondly he desired to dazzle Lorena Butts to the point where she wouldn't even regard Cowboy Jackson seriously, thirdly he was suspicious of Florian's meek acceptance of the indignities which had been inflicted on him, and yearned to top them off with public persecution which was calculated to ruin Mr Slappey forever and ever.

The party was held on a Thursday night. Bud Peaglar himself had been engaged to supervise the barbecuing and the preparation of Brunswick stew. But that didn't mean that Florian was idle. His task was to do any job that no one else would or could do.

Late on the afternoon preceding the party, a truck delivered a large gymnasium mattress to Novocaine's rented house. An electrician rigged up special floodlights in the backyard. Novocaine strutted around, making himself general-

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ly disagreeable, and chuckling every time he looked at Florian.

The guests came early and announced that they were prepared to stay late. As butler, Florian waited on them. He served the eatments. He fetched drinks. He cleared the festive board and washed dishes. He emptied ashtrays and did everything else that tore and ripped at his pride. By eight o'clock the food had been adequately taken care of, and Florian was reduced to a state of utter exhaustion. And at nine o'clock, just when it seemed that the party was about to lose some of its steam, Novocaine Williams commanded silence.

At his direction two men dragged out the huge athletic mat which had been delivered that afternoon. Novocaine sent Florian to his room with instructions to don a shabby gymnasium outfit. Novocaine meanwhile bedecked himself in wrestling regalia.

Florian listened aghast to the announcement. Novocaine declared that he had a novelty entertainment. He proposed to demonstrate various wrestling holds that so entranced his guests on television. And for his subject, he mockingly introduced Mr Florian Slappey. A murmur of shocked disapproval arose. This was carrying things much too far.

"Of co'se," stated Novocaine with a warning glance at Florian. "I caint make my valet do this heah thing. If he wants to say 'No' . . . well, tha's up to him."

All eyes turned to Florian. Miserably—remembering the three bad checks which could ruin him—Florian said he'd be happy to serve as Novocaine's guinea-pig.

The show commenced. From the outset it was apparent that Novocaine was not exhibiting anything except Florian's helplessness. He hurled Mr Slappey into the air, bounced him unmercifully on the mat and rendered him dizzy with airplane spins.

Mr Williams felt that he was killing two stones with one bird: He was exalting himself in the eyes of his new friends, and at the same time was making such a mock of Florian's vaunted dignity that the erstwhile dapper little fashionplate would never again be able to strut elegantly along Eighteenth Street when the dusky elite were promenading.

Florian took his beating gamely and with as much dignity as one could exhibit while being forced to emulate the antics of fireworks gone crazy. And through the haze of agony, he detected a change in the attitude of the guests. They weren't laughing. They were angry, indignant, outraged.

Finally, with a massive heave, Novocaine sent Mr Slappey hurtling into outer space without benefit of jet propulsion or landing gear. The battered little man came down hard and lay quivering. He made a gallant effort to rise, but his muscles refused to function. And then, as though from a great distance, he heard a sweet feminine voice—the voice of

Lorena Butts—saying, "Somebody had ought to show that big bully what wrastlin' really is."

"Meanin' me?" That was Cowboy Jackson speaking.

The words carried. There was a thunder of applause. Cowboy rose, kicked off his boots and doffed his checkered shirt. He was a powerful and impressive figure of a man as he strode onto the mat.

Florian tried to protest, but didn't have enough power left to make himself heard. So maybe Novocaine was in for a drubbing. Ordinarily Mr Slappey would have welcomed the thought, but he couldn't forget those three bad checks. No matter what happened, Florian was still in the middle.

Cowboy Jackson delivered a brief, sardonic speech. He thanked Novocaine for his thoughtfulness in demonstrating TV wrestling holds, and regretted that Florian made such an inadequate foil. And, ignoring Novocaine's protests, he dragged Mr Williams back onto the mat.

WHAT happened to Mr Williams immediately thereafter justified—in Florian's mind—any indignities he already had suffered or might suffer in the future. What Novocaine had done to Florian was mere child's play compared to what Cowboy Jackson proceeded to inflict upon Mr Williams.

In the powerful, expert grasp of Cowboy Jackson, Novocaine not only forgot which end was up, but within two minutes, he didn't care. He was the recipient of the most artistic working over the spectators had ever witnessed, and they were loving it. With every crash landing by Novocaine, the guests cheered, and all through the din of enthusiasm came the insistent voice of Lorena Butts saying, "Give it to the big bully, Cowboy. Bust him up."

Novocaine battled, and that was a mistake. At his best he wouldn't have been a match for Cowboy. Now he was ill-conditioned and exhausted. And finally he was flung to the mat where he lay helpless, frightened and begging for mercy.

Florian rose. He approached the prostrate Novocaine and bowed mockingly. With phony servility he said, "What might be yo' orders, Mistuh Williams? Can I fetch you some iodine and liniment, suh?"

Novocaine was too bruised to protest. He glared malevolently at Florian, but said nothing.

But Cowboy Jackson was saying something. He spoke to the crowd generally, but specifically to the members of the Full House Poker Club who were in attendance: Lawyer Evans Chew, Doctors Lijah Atcherson and Brutus Herring, Semore Mashby, Epic Peters, Jasper de Void, Bud Peaglar and Acey Upshaw—a truly formidable array of community influence and virtue.

Cowboy made it quite simple. He told of detecting Novocaine in the act of cheat-

ing. He recounted telling his suspicions to Lawyer Chew and of having enlisted the aid of that estimable attorney in snitching a deck of Novocaine's cards which were unmistakably marked. Lawyer Chew produced the evidence, and a howl of rage rose on the still night air.

Lawyer Chew advised moderation. He urged that they let bygones be bygones, ". . . but on the condition that the most bygonest pusson heah be Mistuh Novocaine Williams, as of immedjitly."

Fearing instant extermination or at least some form of mayhem, Novocaine begged only for the chance of getting away. He'd be gone in a half hour, he promised, if they'd only lay off him for that long. Worried as Florian was about his own future if and when the bad checks should be sent back from a distant spot by a vindictive Novocaine, he was still enthralled by the completeness of Mr Williams' discomfiture. In a few wonderful moments, he had been restored to the pinnacle of prestige he had so long occupied.

Within forty minutes Novocaine made his last trip from the rented house to his car. He had piled his personal belongings into the back and in the trunk compartment, and now he came out lugging two suitcases, one of which was the gorgeous item Florian had been awarded in a contest.

Cowboy Jackson spotted it. He ripped it from Novocaine's hand, dumped its contents into the back of the car and handed the suitcase to Florian. "Tha's the property of Brother Slappey," he announced. "You is leavin' it heah with him."

Novocaine started to protest, but changed his mind. One wrong word and he knew he'd never see another sunrise. So he climbed behind the wheel, pressed the starter and was off in a blaze of defeat.

"That feller," prophesied Cowboy Jackson, "is long gone fum heah. He aint never comin' back. But if he does, Florian, you just leave me know an' I'll come up fum my home in Montgomery an' make hash of him."

The party broke up. And finally Florian entered the empty house, stuffed his own belongings into the elegant suitcase which was again his property and made his way happily back to Sis Callie Flukers' boarding house.

Mr Slappey was elated, but there was a premonition of doom in the background. His only hope was that maybe Novocaine, in some distant city, would fear to make an issue of the three bad checks. But until he knew for sure he realized that he'd never draw a single completely contented breath.

During the ensuing five days Florian took it easy. His friends vied with each other making life happy for him. They entertained him, took him riding, bought him meals. On the night of the sixth day, Florian received a special delivery letter from Montgomery. It was a simple,



affectionate note and announced the marriage of Mr. Wilbur (Cowboy) Jackson and Mrs. Lorena Butts. The bridal pair thanked Florian for fomenting their romance and, to reimburse him for his sufferings, they enclosed a check to his order for one thousand dollars.

Florian stared at the check in rapture. "One thousan' dollars!" he exclaimed incredulously. "Hot diggity dawg!"

He visualized the new wardrobe he'd buy, and the way he'd again strut among his fellowmen, no longer subhuman, no longer persecuted, no longer fearful.

He started dragging his old clothes out of the suitcase, regarding them with pronounced distaste. The more he looked, the more wonderful that thousand dollar gift seemed. "Ise gwine outfit myse'f fum head to heels," he chortled gleefully.

Away with this old stuff. Toss it all in the closet to make room for new raiment. Eventually, the suitcase was empty. It was then that Florian observed a tiny compartment built in: a catchall for cufflinks, tiepins, shaving accessories and other such knickknacks. Casually he slid back the zipper of the compartment and his eyes popped.

Trembling fingers drew forth what the compartment contained. Nothing much really. Nothing but safety and security for Mr Florian Slappey from that moment henceforward.

What he held in his hand were his three bad checks totalling \$1,200 made out to the order of Novocaine Williams and having on them the evidence of illegality which had brought Mr Slappey so infinitely much misery. Plus the contract he and Novocaine had signed for the diamond ring.

Swiftly, sharply, suddenly and completely, the last gloomy shadows disappeared from Florian's life. His triumph was complete. And, the more he thought about it, the more he realized that this miracle had been the result of his own efforts.

Hadn't he endured the agony of servitude? Hadn't he imported his good

friend Cowboy Jackson to serve as the instrument of Novocaine's undoing? Hadn't he made possible the romance which had resulted in a happy marriage? Hadn't he saved his friends of the Full House Poker Club from continued gyping? Could any of this have happened had Florian done otherwise? The answer was a positive and emphatic No!

Mr Slappey took stock. He had been victimized, but that agony had ended. He had received \$600 from Novocaine for his three bad checks, but he had earned that much—and more. He owned the cheap diamond ring Novocaine had pressed upon him. He had one thousand dollars cash money to spend. And now . . .

Mr Slappey placed an ashtray on the bedside table. Whistling gaily, he tore the three bouncy checks and the contract into tiny bits. He placed the pieces in the ashtray and solemnly set them afire. There went his last vestige of fear as the tiny flames crackled and a thin wisp of smoke circled the room.

The odor penetrated beyond the door. It assailed the nostrils of Sis Callie Flukers who stormed into the room. She said, "You know good an' well, Florian, it's against the rules to burn things in heah."

Florian merely grinned. The ashes of evidence hypnotized him.

"What was you burnin', Florian?" demanded Sis Callie. "I want the truth."

Mr Slappey shook his head and spoke in a soft, soothing tone.

"I'll tell you the truth, Sis Callie," he declared. "But you aint gwine believe me."

"All right. What was you burnin'?"

"I was cremating Trouble," explained Florian beatifically. "An' also twelve hundred dollars."

Sis Callie bounced through the door. She said, "You is crazy, Florian."

"Yassum," Mr Slappey flung after her.

"Ise crazy all right. An' all I hope is that I stay that way. It's a plumb wonderful feeling."

## Rod and Gun

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changed his mind. However, that night on our return from the river, he remarked: "Anyway, a king salmon won't take a fly."

Actually, one of the most exciting experiences I ever had with a fly was with a king salmon. We were fishing for grayling, which are beautiful, graceful and acrobatic fish, but they are on the delicate side. Naturally, a light fly outfit is the thing to use on them; at least that's how I feel about it.

Salmon in a river are normally quite evident, especially in a small one like this grayling stream, but we had fished for several hours without seeing a sign of one. In fact, it never crossed my mind that salmon might use this particular stream at all; so for a moment after he

hit I didn't know what had happened. When you're geared to the light touch of a grayling, the powerful, surging strike of a king salmon comes as quite a shock. Luckily it was a comparatively shallow, gravel-bottomed stream where I could make good time on foot because I had to follow him at a run whenever he took off. As far as I knew, I might as well have been hooked to a seal. He surged the water up in a wall ahead of him as he raced over the shallows, then plunged ahead at full speed through the deeper pools. After grayling, this was something!

There's no explaining how he happened to stay hooked. It was through no fault of mine. All I did was chase him. I wasn't even sure what it was—not know-

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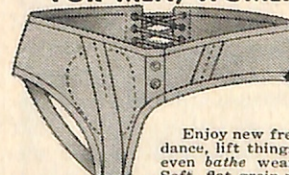
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ing there were any salmon within miles of there—until I beached him more than an hour later. He trolled out to be a forty-two-inch king.

Of the five species of Pacific salmon, the king—also known as chinook and tye salmon in some localities—and the silver are the finest game fish. They are the two largest, but this isn't the only reason. For one thing, the king and the silver are available as game fish in salt water. They remain in coastal waters and feed at a shallow enough level that they can be taken on a hook and line at any time. In fact, the most productive method of catching kings and silvers commercially is by trolling. Power trollers, as they are called, operate with four lines, two from outriggers and two over the stern, each trolling a spoon. The salmon strike with such a force that the lines are equipped with a heavy, rubber shock absorber to take up the initial jolt.

**S**OME sport fishermen also troll for kings and silvers, but the most fun is to strip-fish or cast for them around the kelp beds.

The salmon feed extensively on herring, and in strip-fishing a side of herring is cut and rigged on a hook so that it will spin under motion. This is let out with the tide from an anchored skiff, then stripped back in against the current. A salmon hits it as he would an artificial lure, and the fun is on.

If a man prefers casting, they can be taken equally well on a regular red-and-white casting spoon or on a large fly designed to imitate a small herring, and on light casting tackle a king or silver really does things to talk about.

Both of these varieties are fine game fish in fresh water as well when they are on their spawning run. Like the Atlantic salmon or the steelhead, they run more or less individually and have their fa-

#### J. EDGAR MASTERS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick has appointed the following committee to provide a memorial for late Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. Edgar Masters: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Howard Davis and Charles H. Grakelow; Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and Walter Urben, Past Exalted Ruler of Charleroi, Pa., Lodge.

vorite lies along the river. The Atlantic salmon, the steelhead and the silver salmon, as a matter of fact, seem to me to be quite similar in their habits insofar as they concern the sport fisherman. They respond to a fly similarly, and they have much the same rushing, leaping, powerful fight. The king salmon runs in larger rivers as a rule and tends to lie in deeper water. He is an extremely heavy and powerful fighter, of course, but not as spectacular as the others.

**T**HE three smaller species of Pacific salmon are not as desirable as game fish as the others for two reasons. For one, when they go to sea, they proceed directly to deep water where they are rarely available to the hook-and-line fisherman, and from the ocean they head straight for their spawning river. The other reason is that they run in such numbers and take a lure so readily that there's no sport to it.

The two fanciest of the lot are the two smallest: the little humpback and the red salmon, or sockeye. Both are fast and are good jumpers, and both will take a fly. However, they should be taken early in their spawning run. As their time to spawn approaches, not only is their energy spent, but Nature for some

freakish reason distorts them to the point that there is no pleasure in taking one.

The middleweight of the Pacific salmon is the dog salmon, so-called because of the protruding canine-like teeth that develop as part of his bizarre spawning costume, but he's a dog for other reasons too. He also will take a fly readily, but he is no fly-rod fish. Instead of taking off and doing a lot of fancy footwork as any self-respecting salmon should, he just sits it out. You can tap the rod butt, jerk the line and even throw rocks at him, but he's not about to go anywhere. I've landed quite a few dog salmon on a fly by exercising enormous patience, but, frankly, I don't care if I never hook another.

But don't let anyone tell you that a dog salmon won't take a fly, or that any of the others won't. And, of course, any and all of them will take a spoon or spinner eagerly.

An Alaskan Indian once told me about a method of catching salmon that they used long before there were flies and spoons. The Indian lays on a bank under which salmon run and lowers an arm into the water. From this position he works like an old-country poacher "fingering" trout. He maneuvers his hand until he can grab the salmon just ahead of the tail fin; then, the instant he closes on it, gives it a sharp twist with all his strength. When the salmon is tossed out on the bank, it doesn't have a flop left in it. The sharp twist of the spinal column apparently paralyzes it.

I spent a half-day trying to get a hold of one of the slippery things after that, and there were plenty of them parading by. I finally decided that there were better ways to catch salmon than twisting their tails. I'll take a fly any day. It's a lot easier—except for dog salmon, anyway. I would enjoy twisting the tail of one of those brutes.

### In the Doghouse

(Continued from page 33)

which are clearly outside the realm of pure instinct and definitely of the fringe of intelligence." In this Mr. Osborn quoted from the eminent scientist Henri Bergson's book "Creative Evolution". Mr. Bergson had written, "There is no intelligence in which some trace of instinct is not to be discovered . . . more especially no instinct that is not surrounded with a fringe of intelligence."

Leaving dogs for the moment let's take the performances of homing pigeons. Nobody has yet discovered what it is that enables that type of pigeon to find unerringly its way back to its home loft after being taken great distances from it. One pigeon has been known to have flown from Arras, France, to Indo-China, some 7,200 miles in 24 days.

Nearly all dogs—and mark the word "nearly"—like to hunt, but there are some that don't. Those that do if left to their own devices will hunt in their own

individual ways. Others that like to hunt when formally employed in the field require schooling to a greater or lesser degree before becoming useful to their human partners. In the latter two dogs you might say that this was evidence of instinct—instinct coupled with intelligence. But how account for the dog that doesn't like hunting? Or at least doesn't take to it readily?

Some skeptics there are who will challenge the evidence of dog intelligence offered by those who point to the purp's understanding of words—and there are dogs that have an astonishing recognition of words. The unbelievers will tell you that the dog simply reacts from memory of past experiences; his understanding of words is merely an understanding of sounds. As proof they'll add that the dog can be taught to stand up by giving him the command to lie down. Well, what are words spoken but sounds and it

can be said that the dog so taught has grasped the meaning of stand up by the command sound to lie down. Withhold human company and ability to read and you could teach a child to obey by reversing commands or requests. Why then, considering that the dog's vocal equipment is identical with that of man, hasn't Fido learned to talk? He has learned to use his own language and those who have given dogs close observation know that they as well as other animals have means of communicating with each other that serve their purposes. What's more, the dog can communicate with an observant master. The intelligent dog can pretty well tell its boss, and has often done so, when he wants to eat, when he wants to go out, when there's a prowler around the house, when there is danger threatening—and what more would anyone want from the pooch in the way of expression?

It's to the dog's credit that he isn't



gabby. That is—in human talk. Can you imagine what some dogs might broadcast about their owners? I've met canine chat-boxes that sound off with dog talk to such extent that they've aroused the animosity of an entire neighborhood, but then those nuisances are always owned by selfish individuals who don't care a you-know-what how much they annoy their neighbors.

Earlier I mentioned that dogs can distinguish people who are friendly or unfriendly to them and questioned whether this is instinct or extrasensory perception. If the latter, it would indicate to me at least, a high degree of intelligence. For the sensory perceptions to convey to the dog's brain an understandable message may be instinctive but I'll go along with the belief that this is the result of both intelligence and instinct. How, for example, would a dog be able to interpret his masters' moods as so many do? Can we doubt that the dog can be sympathetic to human sorrow, happiness, anger or fear? Hardly. Too many dog owners know otherwise.

At one of the larger dog shows not long ago an exhibition of dogs herding sheep was staged. The dogs performed their task in a way that clearly showed that they not only knew exactly what they were doing but enjoyed the doing. True this was the result to a large extent of training, but the dogs had to be intelligent. You can't train a stupid dog any more than you can train a stupid person, for both will forget and repeat their mistakes. True also, the trainer was there to give a few commands when necessary but those commands were very few.

More remarkable than this was the short motion picture that went the rounds a few years ago that showed English shepherd dogs herding sheep in Scotland.

There were no shepherds close to the dogs, or even visible on the screen, while those purps were working, yet it was a splendid exhibition of intelligent application to a given task. I'll admit that it doesn't require much savvy to outguess a sheep, but those dogs bossed that flock in no uncertain way.

Could it be said that it was instinct or only training that accounts for the remarkable work done by dogs that guide the blind? Hardly instinct. Training, to a degree, but note this that these are perhaps the only dogs in the world that to protect the person being guided are trained to disobey that individual's command. They of course know the command to go forward, but if that direction leads to an open cellar, an excavation they will refuse to obey. Yes, they've been trained to this but they leave to exercise discrimination as to when it is safe to advance and where. Incidentally, they are the only dogs permitted on New York City's subway system and this not only because of the blind person but also because they are so well behaved and are such intelligent guides for their masters.

In the armed forces dogs have been successfully employed to detect land mines and other hidden dangers that men alone could not detect. They lead men the way around the traps, this they do so regardless of weather or how long the mines have been buried. And they locate non-metallic as well as metallic mines, some of which defy electronic detectors. The dogs work on a six-foot leash. When a mine is discovered they signal the handler at a distance of from one to four yards from the mine. Is this, in the dog, an exhibition of an instinctive feeling for danger, the result of training or a combination of both plus intelligence? Your guess is as good as mine.

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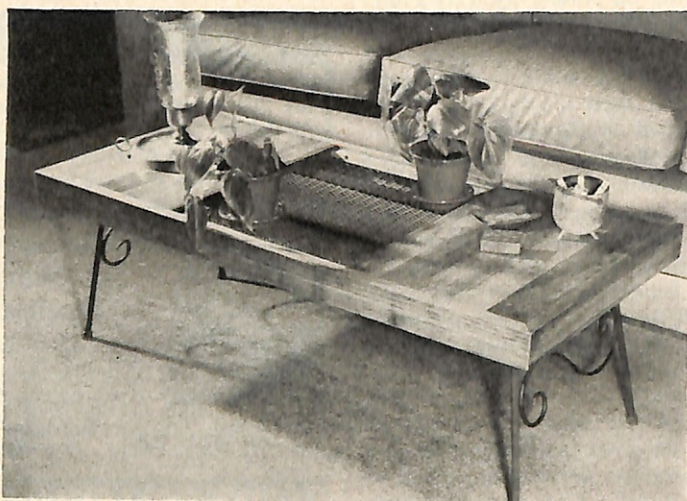
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## WORKSHOP

**Build your own modern coffee table and spice shelf.**

**BY HARRY WALTON**



**B**UILDING something new is a handyman's holiday from home repairs. When it's something the lady of the house will appreciate, your happy hours in the workshop will require no alibis.

**LONG, LOW AND MODERN.** Handsome hardwood, lightened by metal mesh and supported on metal legs, makes the table shown in the photograph fit in with modern furnishings.

An easy way to make the two top panels is to cut them from hardwood-veneer plywood or from ready-glued solid hardwood panel. (If not available locally, see coupon.) Although a full sheet is expensive, you may be able to buy a cut-off. These pieces could also be made

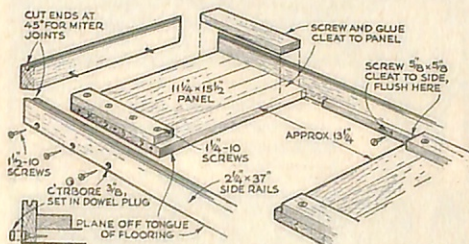
from an old dining-table top, after the old finish has been stripped right down to bare wood.

**HOW TO GLUE ONE UP.** The table shown was made by gluing together pieces of maple flooring. Although more work, this produces a durable, solid hardwood top. Oak or maple flooring can be bought at most lumber yards. If possible, select the pieces yourself, avoiding curved ones. Get at least two long ones for the side rails. Unless the dealer kept it indoors, better let it dry a couple of weeks before gluing it.

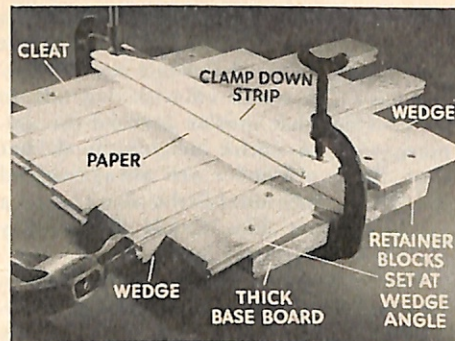
Match pieces to form a pleasing grain pattern, apply glue to the tongues and groves, and clamp together on a flat surface. See photo showing homemade jig.

As soon as you unclamp each panel, saw it square and to size, and attach the cleats, using glue and three or four wood screws through each. The cleats can be cut from flooring too. Then scrape and sand top surface smooth.

**RAILS TIE PANELS TOGETHER.** Rip or plane the tongue off pieces of flooring to frame the top (use the planed edge up). For top panels of plywood or sal-



Building the top of the coffee table.



Pieces of flooring can be clamped up in a homemade gluing jig like this. Screw the cleat and two retainer blocks to a strong, flat base. Rip or plane the tongue off the last flooring strip to give wedges a firm driving surface. Strip clamped crosswise prevents buckling; put paper under it so that glue will not stick it fast. When joints are firm, square across and cut the panel to size.

vaged hardwood, these rails should be ripped from matching stock. If you make them of the same plywood, the core will be exposed. It can be hidden by painting it in black or some color that will match the room scheme and contrast with the natural finish of the panels.

Dimensions are not critical; good fits are more important than following the figures given. However, keep the mesh area small so that it will not sag under flowerpots and similar loads.

Miter the frame if you have a circular saw. Cut the long rails to identical length and at 45 deg. at the ends. Glue and screw them to the cleated ends of the top panels as in the drawing, with the inner heels of the miters exactly at the panel corners.

Use C clamps or a variation of the gluing jig to hold the rails firmly in place,

### For Those Who Build The Table or Shelf

The Elks Magazine is making available, without charge, in the interest of the many hundreds of readers who have written so appreciatively about our new Elks Workshop Department, full-size patterns for the sides and body of the spice shelves described this month. While Mr. Walton's instructions are complete, the patterns make the job somewhat easier. If you plan to make the coffee table, Mr. Walton also has prepared a list of sources for metal legs and glued hardwood panels for those who do not want to build-up their own. In writing for either, or both, please enclose three cent stamp to cover postage. Please check coupon as indicated.

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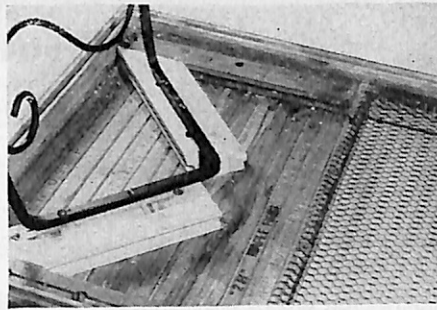
edges flush with the panel tops. Then drill through the rails into the panel ends for wood screws, staggering them to miss those in the cleats. Counterbore the screw holes deeply enough to set in dowel plugs.

Cut the end rails carefully to a good fit between the mitered ends of the long rails. If you don't care to tackle miter joints, cut the short rails to panel size and make the long ones overlap them.

**CLEATS SUPPORT MESH.** Rip  $\frac{3}{8}$ " strips or use quarter round molding to support the mesh along the rails. Glue and screw these cleats on flush with the under surface of both tops.

The mesh shown is cheap expanded-metal lath, used in plastering. An 8' length costs about \$2. You can also use square mesh (sometimes called hardware cloth), decorative mesh sold for radiator enclosures, or metal caning, or the Reynolds Aluminum mesh. Cut a piece to fit, wash it with solvent, and paint or lacquer it. Black is a good color choice and very popular.

When it is dry, fasten it with small wood screws and washers to the small

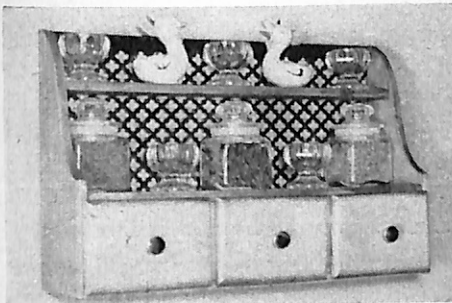


Legs can be fastened directly to the underside of the top, or set on short cleats to gain height, as was done here. The cleats are screwed to the top. Mesh overlaps both top panels and is held with small wood screws and washers.

cleats and the underside of both top panels. If the mesh is too light to sustain a reasonable weight, a thin strip of wood or a straight piece of coat-hanger wire, painted the same color as the mesh, can be fastened across beneath it.

Wrought-iron legs are widely available in hardware stores and by mail (see coupon), in a wide choice of styles and heights. Fasten them on with wood screws. (See page 56 for wood finish.)

## TWO SPICE SHELVES



A mesh back and brass knobs update this version of the spice shelf. Lipped drawer fronts are bigger than the openings.

**F**OR the Colonial type kitchen or dining room an old-fashioned spice shelf makes an interesting and easy-to-do project. Pine  $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick is excellent material for either of these shelves. If you have a power sander, common wooden grocery boxes can be made to yield acceptable stock. Since the edges show, plywood is not ideal unless you plan to apply an enamel finish. (See page 56 for drawings.)

The curved parts of the side and back can be laid out to full size by drawing a grid of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares on paper, marking where the curve touches lines in the corresponding squares in the drawing on this page, and joining the marks with a free, flowing curve. (See coupon for patterns.) Cut out with a coping saw or on a jigsaw. For the back, use  $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock if available. To round off the curved edges, seasaw a strip of medium-coarse sandpaper across them.

For the wooden-back shelf, cut the bottom and both shelves  $\frac{1}{4}$ " narrower than the sides. Assemble with glue and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " brads, spacing the two partitions



Colonial styling and a pine finish make this an appealing piece. The drawers fit inside their openings, and have wooden knobs.

evenly. Set the brads  $\frac{1}{8}$ " deep and close the hole with wood filler. The back, set in between the sides and nailed to the shelves and bottom, squares up and reinforces the assembly.

### MESH FOR A MODERN TOUCH.

The same expanded mesh used in the coffee table can be used for the other spice shelf, but the one shown was a scrap of decorative aluminum mesh. The plasterer's lath has an attractive wavy edge, which should be put at the top if you choose this material.

The cut edges of the mesh will be raw and unattractive, so they must be tucked away out of sight. One way is to cut the two shelves wide enough to set flush with the back edge of both sides, as at A in the drawing. The mesh can then be cut a trifle narrow and tacked to the edges. If you have a circular saw, you can instead cut shallow rabbets on the inside of both sidepieces as at B, and set the mesh into these. In this case, the shelves should run only to the inside of

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## GRAND EXALTED RULER JERNICK'S YEAR



As the term of the Grand Exalted Ruler draws to a close it is a pleasure to us to make a general review of his services and accomplishments during the year.

A man of deep religious convictions and constant religious devotion, he went to the Bible for the theme of his speech of acceptance, when he said:

*"Scripture tells us to sow good deeds  
And the tree will bear good fruit."*

He appealed to the members of the Order to be the planters of the seeds of good deeds and indicated his motto as Grand Exalted Ruler would be

*"As Elkdome sows America reaps."*

He has carried the inspiration of that slogan, by personal contact, mail, telegraph or telephone, to all his brother Elks wherever, beneath the Stars and Stripes, they lived their lives.

He came to the Grand Exalted Rulership with a purpose and a plan.

His purpose was to strengthen and develop the Order in membership, in accomplishments and in public esteem.

His plan was one in which he placed definite responsibility upon the Chairman and members of the Grand Lodge Committees, upon the President and officers of the State Associations, upon the District Deputies and upon the Exalted Rulers and officers of the over 1,700 subordinate lodges.

He listed specific activities and asked for performance.

A method of checking on results was set up—a system of giving appropriate recognition and award to each one who performed a task assigned was established.

Results have been outstanding. Never have the Officers and Committeemen of the Grand Lodge, the State Association Officers and members of the Subordinate Lodges, been inspired to greater activity.

The best laid plans fail without effective follow-up.

The Grand Exalted Ruler has given that.

To paraphrase the poet:

*"He tried each art, reproved each full delay,  
allured to higher deeds, and led the way."*

The result has been a definite, distinguishable resurgence among our members of interest in the Order, and of desire and determination to participate vigorously and effectively in its good work.

The Gold Star Plan of Grand Exalted Ruler Jernick has worked. The noble services for the support of which he made a special appeal have been strengthened materially to the glory and credit of the Order and the benefit of our country and its institutions.

The Elks, responding to his appeal, have sown the good seeds and America is reaping a good harvest.

## A SUGGESTION OF VITAL IMPORTANCE



What we are entitling above "A Suggestion of Vital Importance" appears in the annual report of Grand Secretary Lee Donaldson who, from his broad experience in the Order, and more particularly from his many years as Secretary of a subordinate lodge, can speak with wisdom and as an authority.

Wishing his suggestion to reach the largest possible percentage of the officers and members of the subordinate lodges of the Order we are reproducing it in this column notwithstanding that it appears as a part of our digest of his report elsewhere in this issue.

It reads as follows:

"The total of 44,200 dropped for non-payment of dues again calls attention to this most serious membership problem. There is no panacea for its cure, but its treatment demands the attention of every subordinate lodge Exalted Ruler and Secretary. The appointment of a live Lapsation Committee, members of which would personally contact the delinquent, beginning when he is only six months in arrears, could be the means of saving many members. The regular and frequent billing of those who are in arrears, plus personal contact by every lodge Secretary, would result in a substantial reduction of a number of members dropped for non-payment of dues.

"Perhaps we are not always selling Elkdome properly to the new members, or indoctrinating them sufficiently in it. An impressive ceremony, an impressive talk on the ideals and aims of our Order by a qualified speaker, the presentation of the booklet "What It Means To Be An Elk" to every candidate, would all be beneficial.

"An endeavor should be made to have the individual become immediately active by an assignment that would permit his participation in some activity of the lodge.

"We seem to have no difficulty in getting the prospects sufficiently interested to affiliate. We must devote more effort in endeavoring to see that he retains that interest."

We hope that every Exalted Ruler and every Secretary and, for that matter every member of the Order who does not read the above in the Grand Secretary's report will read it here. It is a suggestion that, if followed, is capable of doubling the annual net increase in the membership of our Order.

## JULY

The poet has said:

*"I remember, I remember  
How my childhood fled by,  
The mirth of its December  
And the warmth of its July."*



Of course, it is impossible to tell what particular cause of mirth the poet found in December or what he had in mind when he wrote of the warmth of July. May we properly assume that his December mirth was that characterized in the Christmas season and the July warmth that with which in his boyhood days July 4th, the great day of our country, was celebrated?

It seems to us desirable that, in these days of world-



wide tension resulting from the war of ideologies, to have our Star Spangled Banner on every possible occasion offered to the breeze and our voices raised in support of these principles of liberty, democracy and justice, the observance of which has made our country truly great.

May it not be well for each of us to be a little more aggressive and militant in the expression of our loyalty and devotion to the good old U. S. A.

First of all let us carry more of that July warmth of which the poet wrote into our celebration of the Fourth of July.

Is it not possible that, during the years, we may have come to regard our rights of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as being so thoroughly established that we can take them as a matter of course and let the Fourth of July go by without the bands, the parades, the speeches and the fireworks of yore.

If so, would it not be well for us to avoid being too certain of the preservation of those rights if we continue to treat them lightly and to return to old-time recognition and celebrations of the anniversary of the day on which our founders pledged to the preservation of these rights, their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

## HE REFUSED TO "GROW RUSTY"



It was many years ago that we had frequent and pleasant contact with him.

He was then the political writer of one of our country's outstanding newspapers published in one of its important cities.

Years passed without any contact with him. A year ago we happened to see a copy of his old paper and, to our surprise, thinking he must have passed on, there was the old familiar by-line at the end of the column.

We concluded that the writer must be his son. Inquiry was made of a friend of ours in the city of the paper's publication and the friend, finding the name in the telephone book, called to inquire.

It was he, and in the conversation which ensued he said that he was 87 years of age, did not get out very much but that he continued his writing determined not to permit himself to "grow rusty".

Recently he passed away. The column and the by-line appeared in his old paper the Sunday preceeding his death.

Surely he did not "grow rusty".

## DANGEROUS OPTIMISM



Americans are by nature optimistic, a characteristic that is in most circumstances highly to be desired. It can prove to be a distinct weakness, however, when it comes to negotiating with the Communists, if we allow our hopes to disarm our reason and blunt our will

to yield nothing further to the Reds whether they be Russian, Chinese or any other nationality.

Negotiate we must and will, but let's do it with our eyes open, and not act like eager school girls every time the Kremlin or Peiping drops a propaganda hint that promises

peace to the world. The master murderers know our weakness, and play on it for all that it's worth. "Peace through trade" . . . "Peaceful co-existence." . . . with these and other artful appeals the Reds have raised our hopes and then lowered the boom with a blockade of Berlin, a war in Korea, slaughter in Greece, an attempted dictatorship in Guatemala.

Now we are about to sit down with the Reds at another conference table. The Commies prepared the way for the forthcoming Four Power Conference in the usual manner, which might well be described as the double k. First they kicked us in Indo-China, then they intimated that they were ready to kiss. There was a spate of news stories dated Moscow that hinted at a new attitude in the Kremlin; Moscow emissaries scurried about, suggesting that now was the time to settle all the trouble between us; Peiping coyly let it be known that the Red Chinese would graciously free some American soldiers whom the Reds had repeatedly denied holding in prison. And so it went.

Unfortunately, despite the long and evil record of Red deceit, many in America and elsewhere in the free world reacted as usual to the Communist bait. Of course the Communist traitors among us beat the drums for sweet cooperation, as was expected. But even some patriotic Americans, who ought to know better by this time, spoke nonsense about the Kremlin abandonment of Lenin's and Stalin's historic plan for world conquest.

America cannot afford to be misled by these Red tactics. If we do, we'll wind up like the rats in Pavlov's conditioned reflex experiments—maddened with frustration and confusion, or reduced to docile helplessness. Our negotiators will be licked before they start if they think for one minute that the Reds have any other goal but the one that Lenin set for them—a Communist world dictatorship. To credit a Communist with good faith and honorable intention is as dangerous to our freedom as it would be to give Russia all of our atom and hydrogen bombs and then turn the plants over to them.

We here at home can strengthen the hand of our leaders and our representatives at the conference table by politely declining to be panicked into confusion and division by the Reds' whipsaw tactics. We must let nothing shake our determination to resist Communism today, or 20 years from today, and ultimately to destroy it. Most Americans see through the Red trickery. Those who don't should heed Laocoon's exhortation to his fellow citizens in Virgil's Aeneid:

*"Trojans, credit not the horse; I fear the Greeks,  
albeit gift bearing."*

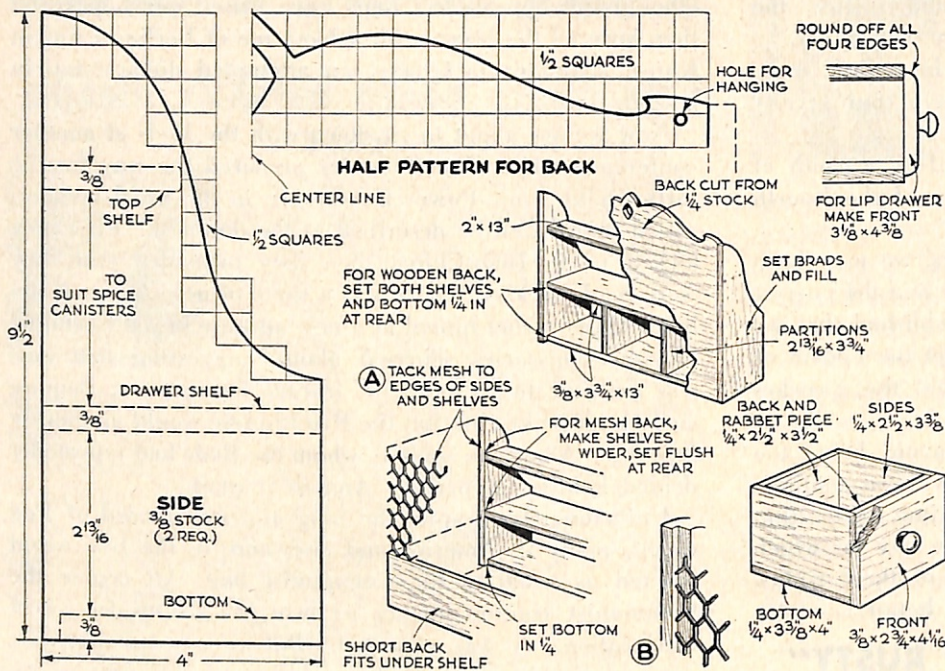
## THANKS FOR WRITING

For the past few months in our new "Elks Workshop" department we have been making booklets available without charge as a reader service. The response has been most gratifying and indicates how active as home owners our readers are. The Outdoor Fireplace booklet, offered in June, in two weeks attracted nearly 2,000 requests, and it was most pleasing that many readers took the time to express their enjoyment of our new department. But of course, while like everyone we appreciate praise, we also welcome a timely suggestion. Yes, even deserved criticism.



## Elks Workshop

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These drawings show how to build both spice shelves. For patterns, see coupon on page 52.

the rabbets, as shown in drawing below.

**HOW TO BUILD DRAWERS.** Two kinds of drawers are shown. One pushes all the way into the opening; the other has a lipped front which overlaps the opening. You'll need three fronts, six identical pieces for the backs and inner fronts (which form a rabbet for the sides), six sides, and three bottoms. Use an auxiliary fence on the miter gauge and clamp on stop blocks to insure cutting the same parts to identical size.

Make the fronts for the push-in drawers 1/16" smaller both ways than the drawer opening. For the lipped type, cut fronts 3/8" bigger both ways.

Either 1/4" plywood or similar solid stock can be used for the other parts. The false fronts are centered behind the 3/8" fronts, but flush with the top edges to leave room for the bottoms. Assemble with glue and 1/2" brads (a dry-run assembly without glue is advisable to show how things go). If the cuts are square, two brads in each joint are enough.

Should flush-fitting drawers go in too far, glue little stop blocks to the backs. If they don't go quite far enough, rounding off the sharp front edges may improve the appearance.

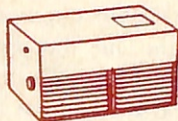
**FINISHING THE PROJECTS.** Wax alone, applied with enough enthusiasm and elbow grease, makes an attractive natural finish. So does penetrating floor sealer, which comes in stain colors. This is brushed on generously, let dry 10 minutes, and then wiped off.

This can be repeated several times. It's easy to do, and each coat deepens the tone and further seals the pores of the wood. Made for use on gymnasium floors, the materials will take hard wear and show scratches less than a conventional surface finish. Dispose of wiping rags promptly as they offer a fire hazard.

Thorough sanding to a velvet-like surface is important before any finish is applied. Tool marks or scratches will otherwise show up more clearly than before. For a rich dull luster, rub down the last coat with very fine steel wool and wax it.

To estimate electrical loads on wiring, add up the wattages on all appliances and lights in use at one time. Figures left are approximate; see name plates on appliances for exact ones. If the figure is given in amperes, multiply it by 110 (220 if appliance is used on a 220-volt line) to get rating in watts. Motor-driven appliances momentarily take more than their normal running current when starting. Therefore, a fuse may blow if, for example, a refrigerator starts up while a toaster is on, though it can carry the load if the toaster is turned on with the refrigerator already running.

### WHAT COMMON APPLIANCES TAKE (All figures are approximate)



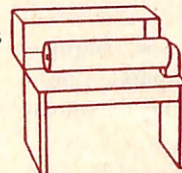
AIR CONDITIONERS (room size)  
1,200-1,500 watts

COFFEE MAKERS 1,000 watts



IRONERS 1,500 to 1,650 watts

AUTOMATIC TOASTER 1,000 watts



WAFFLE IRON OR GRILL 1,100 watts



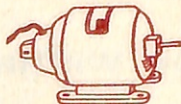
BROILER 1,400 watts



PORTABLE HEATER 1,000 watts



ELECTRIC RANGE 8,000 to 12,000 watts



POWER-TOOL MOTORS  
350 to 1,750 watts



ELECTRIC BLANKET 200 watts



AUTOMATIC HAND IRON 660 to 1,000 watts



WATER HEATER 2,000 to 4,000 watts

FREEZER 350 watts

This instructive chart was originally prepared by Mr. Walton for his article on home wiring that ran in our February issue but was held for space reasons. (See right.)





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